AVI BioPharma to Present at ThinkEquity's Mid Year Check-Up on Healthcare Conference

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BOTHELL, WA, Jun 10, 2010 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX) --AVI BioPharma, Inc. (NASDAQ: AVII), a developer of RNA-based therapeutics, announced today that the company is scheduled to present at ThinkEquity's Mid Year Check-Up on Healthcare Conference, June 16, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time in New York City. J. David Boyle II, AVI's Interim President and Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Financial Officer, is scheduled to provide a company overview.

The conference presentation will be webcast live under the events section of AVI's website at www.avibio.com, and will be archived there following the presentation. Please connect to AVI's website several minutes prior to the start of the broadcast to ensure adequate time for any software download that may be necessary.

About AVI BioPharma

AVI BioPharma is focused on the discovery and development of RNA-based therapeutics utilizing proprietary derivatives of its antisense chemistry (morpholino-modified phosphorodiamidate oligomers or PMOs) that can be applied to a wide range of diseases and genetic disorders through several distinct mechanisms of action. Unlike other RNA therapeutic approaches, AVI's antisense technology has been used to directly target both messenger RNA (mRNA) and its precursor (pre-mRNA), allowing for both up and down-regulation of targeted genes and proteins. AVI's RNA-based drug programs are being evaluated for the treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy, including an ongoing systemic Phase 1b/2 clinical trial of exon skipping with AVI-4658. AVI's antiviral programs have demonstrated promising outcomes in Ebola Zaire and Marburg Musoke virus infections and may prove applicable to other viral targets such as Junin, influenza, HCV or Dengue viruses. For more information, visit www.avibio.com.

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