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CTI BIOPHARMA ANNOUNCES PROPOSED PUBLIC OFFERING OF CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK

SEATTLE, Wash., December 3, 2015 -- CTI BioPharma Corp. ("CTI") (NASDAQ and MTA: CTIC) today announced that it intends to offer and sell, subject to market and other conditions, shares of its Series N-2 Preferred Stock in an underwritten public offering (the "Offering"). Each share of Series N-2 Preferred Stock will have a stated value of \$1,000 per share and will be convertible at the option of the holder, at any time after issuance and subject to certain limitations, into shares of common stock.

Subject to the consummation of the Offering, we have agreed to grant to BVF Partners L.P. the right to nominate two members of our board of directors, one of whom must both qualify as an "independent" director, as defined under the applicable rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC, and must not be considered an "affiliate" of BVF Partners.

CTI plans to use the net proceeds from this Offering to support the commercial launch of pacritinib in the U.S. for patients with myelofibrosis, to conduct additional research concerning the possible application of pacritinib in indications outside of myelofibrosis, to advance the commercialization of PIXUVRI and to support the development of tosedostat in registration-directed trials, as well as for general corporate purposes, which may include funding research and development, conducting preclinical and clinical trials, acquiring or in-licensing potential new pipeline candidates, preparing and filing possible new drug applications and general working capital.

Piper Jaffray & Co. is acting as sole book-running manager for the Offering. The securities described above are being offered by CTI pursuant to a shelf registration statement previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), which the SEC declared effective on December 8, 2014. A preliminary prospectus supplement related to the Offering will be filed with the SEC and will be available on the SEC's website located at http://www.sec.gov. Copies of the preliminary prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus relating to the Offering, when available, may be obtained from Piper Jaffray & Co., Attention: Prospectus Department, 800 Nicollet Mall, J12S03, Minneapolis, MN 55402, by email to prospectus@pjc.com or by telephone at (800) 747-3924.

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy these securities, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or other jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to the registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or other jurisdiction. The shares of Series N-2 Preferred Stock (and the shares of common stock into which each share of Series N-2 Preferred Stock will be convertible) will not be offered, sold or distributed, directly or indirectly, in Italy in an offer to the public of financial products under the meaning of Article 1, paragraph 1, letter t) of Legislative Decree No. 58 of February 24, 1998, as amended (the "Financial Services Act"), unless an express exemption from compliance with the restrictions on offers to the public, including, without limitation, as provided under Article 100 of the Financial Services Act and Article 34-ter of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of May 14, 1999, as amended, applies.

About CTI BioPharma Corp.

CTI BioPharma Corp. (NASDAQ and MTA: CTIC) is a biopharmaceutical company focused on the acquisition, development and commercialization of novel targeted therapies covering a spectrum of blood-related cancers that offer a unique benefit to patients and healthcare providers. CTI has a commercial presence in Europe and a late-stage development pipeline, including pacritinib, CTI's lead product candidate, which is currently being studied in a Phase 3 program for the treatment of patients with myelofibrosis. CTI is headquartered in Seattle, Washington, with offices in London and Milan under the name CTI Life Sciences Limited.

Source: CTI BioPharma Corp.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Safe Harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, the outcome of which could materially and/or adversely affect actual future results and the trading price of CTI's securities. Such statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding CTI's expectations with respect to the completion, timing and size of its proposed Offering and the use of the expected net proceeds from the Offering. The statements are based on assumptions about many important factors and information currently available to us to the extent we have thus far had an opportunity to fully and carefully evaluate such information in light of all surrounding facts, circumstances, recommendations and analyses. Risks that contribute to the uncertain nature of the forward-looking statements include, among others, risks associated with market conditions and the satisfaction of customary closing conditions related to the proposed Offering, the biopharmaceutical industry in general and with CTI and its product and product candidate portfolio in particular including, among others, risks associated with the following: that CTI cannot predict or guarantee the pace or geography of enrollment of its clinical trials, that CTI cannot predict or guarantee the outcome of preclinical and clinical studies, that clinical trial results observed to date may differ from future results or that different conclusions or considerations may qualify such results once existing data has been more fully evaluated, clinical trial results, that CTI may not obtain favorable determinations by other regulatory, patent and administrative governmental authorities, that CTI may experience delays in the commencement of preclinical and clinical studies, risks related to the costs of developing PIXUVRI, pacritinib, tosedostat and CTI's other product candidates, and other risks, including, without limitation, competitive factors, technological developments, that CTI may not be able to sustain its current cost controls or further reduce its operating expenses, that CTI may not achieve previously announced goals, contractual milestones and objectives as or when projected, that CTI's average net operating burn rate may increase, that CTI will continue to need to raise capital to fund its operating expenses, but may not be able to raise sufficient amounts to fund its continued operation as well as other risks listed or described from time to time in CTI 's most recent filings with the SEC on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K. Except as required by law, CTI does not intend to update any of the statements in this press release upon further developments.

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