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GlaxoSmithKline Completes Transaction to Increase Its Ownership in Theravance

LONDON and SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., May 16, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- GlaxoSmithKline plc ("GSK") (LSE:GSK) and Theravance, Inc. ("Theravance") (Nasdaq:THRX) announced today that following approval by Theravance, Inc.'s stockholders at their Annual Meeting held on 15 May 2012, and expiration of applicable waiting periods under the US Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, GSK's acquisition of 10,000,000 shares of Theravance common stock on the terms previously announced on 2 April 2012, has now completed.

As a result, GSK now owns 25,814,421 shares of Theravance common stock, approximately 26.7% of the total outstanding capital stock of Theravance.

About GSK Theravance Collaboration

In November 2002, Theravance entered into a long-acting beta₂ agonist (LABA) collaboration with GSK to develop and commercialize a once-daily LABA product candidate either as a single agent or in a combination medicine for the treatment of asthma and/or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). The inhaled corticosteroid (ICS)/ LABA combination, Relovair™*, has now completed its Phase III development and GSK intends to submit regulatory applications for COPD in the US and Europe in mid-2012. For asthma, GSK also plans to submit an application in Europe in mid-2012 and GSK and Theravance are reviewing the strategy for a future US filing. The long-acting muscarinic antagonist (LAMA)/LABA programme is in Phase III development in COPD. In March 2004, Theravance entered into a strategic alliance with GSK, under the terms of which GSK has licensed a Bifunctional Muscarinic Antagonist-Beta₂ Agonist (MABA) for the treatment of COPD. This programme is currently in Phase II development.

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Theravance — a biopharmaceutical company with a pipeline of internally discovered product candidates and strategic collaborations with pharmaceutical companies. Theravance is focused on the discovery, development and commercialization of small molecule medicines across a number of therapeutic areas including respiratory disease, bacterial infections, and central nervous system (CNS)/pain. Theravance's key programs include: Relovair™, LAMA/LABA (719/vilanterol (VI)) and MABA (Bifunctional Muscarinic Antagonist-Beta₂ Agonist), each partnered with GlaxoSmithKline plc, and its oral Peripheral Mu Opioid Receptor Antagonist (PμMA) program. By leveraging its proprietary insight of multivalency to drug discovery, Theravance is pursuing a best-in-class strategy designed to discover superior medicines in areas of significant unmet medical need. For more information, please visit Theravance's web site at www.theravance.com.

***Relovair™** is a once-daily inhaled corticosteroid (ICS)/long-acting beta-agonist (LABA) combination treatment, comprising fluticasone furoate and vilanterol (FF/VI), currently in development for the treatment of COPD and asthma. This investigational medicine is not currently approved anywhere in the world.

Relovair™ is a trademark of the GlaxoSmithKline group of companies. The use of the brand name Relovair™ for FF/VI is not approved by regulatory authorities around the world.

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GlaxoSmithKline Cautionary statement regarding forward-looking statements

Under the safe harbor provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, GSK cautions investors that any forward-looking statements or projections made by GSK, including those made in this announcement, are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. Factors that may affect GSK's operations are described under 'Risk factors' in the 'Financial review & risk' section in the company's Annual Report 2011 included as exhibit 15.2 to the company's Annual Report on Form 20-F for 2011.

Theravance Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Theravance's press release contains certain "forward-looking" statements as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 regarding, among other things, statements relating to goals, plans, objectives and future events. Theravance intends such forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in Section 21E of the Exchange Act and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Examples of such statements include statements relating to the potential benefits and mechanisms of action of drug candidates, statements concerning enabling capabilities of Theravance's approach to drug discovery and its proprietary insights, statements concerning expectations for product candidates through development and commercialization and projections of revenue, expenses and other financial items. These statements are based on the current estimates and assumptions of the management of Theravance as of the date of the press release and are subject to risks, uncertainties, changes in circumstances, assumptions and other factors that may cause the actual results of Theravance to be materially different from those reflected in its forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements include, among others, risks of collaborating with third parties to develop and commercialize products. These and other risks are described in greater detail under the heading "Risk Factors" contained in Theravance's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on May 2, 2012 and the risks discussed in our other period filings with SEC. Given these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Theravance assumes no obligation to update its forward-looking statements.

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