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Celsion Reports First Quarter 2010 Financial Results and Provides Business Update

Cash used in operating activities totaled \$3.0 million for the first quarter 2010-

COLUMBIA, Md., May 4, 2010 /PRNewswire via COMTEX News Network/ -- Celsion Corporation (Nasdaq: CLSN), a leading oncology drug development company, announced today financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2010 and addressed the progression of the clinical trials of ThermoDox(R), Celsion's heat activated liposomal encapsulation of doxorubicin. ThermoDox(R) is currently being evaluated in the Phase III HEAT trial for the treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) and in a Phase I/II trial for patients with recurrent chest wall breast cancer.

"We continue to make substantial progress recruiting patients into our Phase III HEAT trial for ThermoDox(R) and are on track to complete enrollment in the second half of this year with 331 patients enrolled to date," said Michael Tardugno, President and CEO of Celsion. "We have exceeded our goal of opening enrollment at 73 clinical trial sites world-wide. The Phase I/II DIGNITY trial of ThermoDox(R) in patients with recurrent chest wall breast cancer (RCW) also continues to advance. We are currently enrolling patients in the 50mg/m² dosing cohort, which will be used to determine our therapeutic dose."

Financial Results

For the first quarter ended March 31, 2010, Celsion reported a net loss from operations of \$4.6 million, compared to a net loss from operations of \$3.6 million for the same period of 2009. In the first quarter of 2010, the Company recorded a \$1.6 million non-cash warrant liability charge. After effect of this non-cash charge, Celsion reported a net loss of \$6.1 million, or \$0.50 per diluted share, for the first quarter ended March 31, 2010 compared to a net loss of \$3.6 million (after the effect of a \$0.5 million noncash indemnity reserve benefit), or \$0.35 per diluted share, in the same period of 2009. After the non-cash effect of the warrant liability charge of \$1.6 million and other non-cash charges of \$0.6 million related to stock based compensation and other expenses, and net balance sheet changes of \$0.9 million, net cash used in operations totaled \$3.0 million for the first quarter of 2010. The Company ended the quarter with a total of \$10.4 million of cash, investments and other receivables and current assets.

Recent Company Highlights

- ┆ The Drug Safety Monitoring Board recommended continuation and dose escalation in the Phase I/II ThermoDox(R) study for RCW breast cancer
- ┆ The Data Monitoring Committee recommended continuation of the Phase III HEAT study
- ┆ Announced plans to launch a randomized Phase II Program to study ThermoDox(R) in combination with RFA for Colorectal Liver Metastases (CRLM) following completion of the enrollment of the current Phase III HEAT Trial. CRLM is the number one metastatic form of liver cancer in the US, representing approximately 50% of all liver metastases. ThermoDox(R) has shown potential to effectively treat this disease.
- ┆ Hosted a Research and Development Day in New York City
- ┆ Presented long-term follow-up data from the Phase I ThermoDox(R) trial at a press conference at the University of Hong Kong
- ┆ Presented data supporting the use of ThermoDox(R) in the treatment of colorectal liver metastases at the 9th World Congress of the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association in Buenos Aires, Argentina
- ┆ Announced an Abstract was accepted for presentation at the American Society of Clinical Oncology 2010 Annual Meeting on the Phase I/II trial of ThermoDox(R) in Recurrent Chest Wall Cancer

The Company is holding a conference call to provide a business update and discuss the first quarter 2010 results at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, May 4, 2010. To participate in the call, interested parties may dial 1-888-600-4864 (Toll free U.S./Canada) or 1-913-312-1487 (International/Toll) and use Conference ID: 2068492 to register ten minutes before the call is scheduled to begin. The call will also be broadcast live on the Internet at <http://www.celsion.com>.

The call will be archived for replay on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 3:00 P.M. ET and will remain available until Tuesday, May 11, 2010. The replay can be accessed at 1-888-203-1112 (Toll free U.S./Canada) or 1-719-457-0820 (Toll/International) using Replay Pin: #2068492. The call will also be available on the Company's website, <http://www.celsion.com>, for 30 days after 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 4, 2010.

About ThermoDox(R)

ThermoDox(R) in combination with hyperthermia has the potential to provide local tumor control and improve quality of life. ThermoDox(R) is a proprietary heat-activated liposomal encapsulation of doxorubicin, an approved and frequently used oncology drug for the treatment of a wide range of cancers including breast cancer. Localized mild hyperthermia (40-42 degrees Celsius) releases the entrapped doxorubicin from the liposome. This delivery technology enables high concentrations of doxorubicin to be deposited preferentially in a targeted tumor.

For primary liver cancer, ThermoDox(R) is being evaluated in a 600 patient global Phase III study at 60 clinical sites under an FDA Special Protocol Assessment. The study is designed to evaluate the efficacy of ThermoDox in combination with RFA when compared to patients who receive RFA alone as the control. The primary endpoint for the study is progression-free survival and enrollment is expected to be completed in the first half of 2010. For recurrent chest wall breast cancer, ThermoDox(R) is being evaluated in a pivotal Phase I/II open-label, dose-escalating trial that is designed to measure durable local complete response at the tumor site. Celsion expects to fully enroll the study in the third quarter of 2010. Additional information on these ThermoDox(R) clinical studies may be found at <http://www.clinicaltrials.gov>

About Celsion

Celsion is a leading oncology company dedicated to the development and commercialization of innovative cancer drugs including tumor-targeting treatments using focused heat energy in combination with heat-activated drug delivery systems. Celsion has research, license, or commercialization agreements with leading institutions such as the National Institutes of Health, Duke University Medical Center, University of Hong Kong, Cleveland Clinic, and the North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System.

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Celsion Corporation
Condensed Statements of Operations
(Unaudited)
(in thousands except for per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2010	2009
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Operating expenses:		
Research and development	\$3,275	\$2,943
General and administrative	1,299	688
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Total operating expenses	4,574	3,631
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Loss from operations	(4,574)	(3,361)
Loss from valuation of warrant liability	(1,570)	-
Other (expense) income, net	(1)	14
Net Loss	<u>\$(6,145)</u>	<u>\$(3,617)</u>
Basic and diluted net loss per common share	<u>\$(0.50)</u>	<u>\$(0.35)</u>
Basic and diluted weighted average shares outstanding	<u>12,186</u>	<u>10,190</u>

Celsion Corporation
Balance Sheets
(in thousands except for per share amounts)

	March 31, 2010 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2009
ASSETS	-----	-----
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$4,114	\$6,924
Short term investments available for sale	5,458	5,695
Refundable income taxes	-	806
Prepaid expenses and other receivables	858	695
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Total current assets	10,430	14,120
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Property and equipment	497	537
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Other assets		
Deposits	90	97
Other assets	49	51
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Total other assets	139	148
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Total assets	<u>\$11,066</u>	<u>\$14,805</u>
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable - trade	\$2,304	\$2,191
Other accrued liabilities	1,691	1,452
Note payable - current portion	112	108
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Total current liabilities	4,107	3,751
Warrant liability	2,392	822
Other liabilities - noncurrent	161	197

Total liabilities	---	---
	6,660	4,770
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Stockholders' equity		
Common stock -\$0.01 par value (75,000,000 shares authorized; 12,978,417 and 12,895,174 shares issued and 12,218,143 and 12,134,900 shares outstanding at March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively)	130	129
Additional paid-in capital	95,539	95,035
Accumulated other comprehensive income	79	-
Accumulated deficit	(88,265)	(82,052)
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Subtotal	7,483	13,112
Less: Treasury stock - at cost	(3,077)	(3,077)
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Total stockholders' equity	4,406	10,035
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$11,066	\$14,805
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