

Neuralstem Inc. Reports 2008 First Quarter Financial Results and Events

ROCKVILLE, Md., May 15 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Neuralstem Inc. (Amex: CUR) today reported financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2008.

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For the first quarter of 2008, the company reported a net loss of \$2,274,452, or \$(0.07) per share, compared to a net loss of \$949,242, or \$(0.04) per share, for the comparable 2007 period. The increase in net loss year to year was due to an increase in non cash stock-based compensation expense of approximately \$1,019,000.

Result of Operations for the Three Months ending March 31, 2008 and 2007

Revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 were \$0 and \$181,825 respectively.

Research and development expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 were \$1,198,843 and \$845,589, respectively. The increase in expenses in current period consists mainly of payroll and payroll related expenses, stock-based compensation expense, research supplies and costs incurred in connection with specific research grants.

General and administrative expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 were \$1,083,169, and \$291,053, respectively. The principal increase in expenses in 2008 versus 2007 is a result of increased stock-based compensation expenses, payroll and legal (both patent and corporate).

Other income for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 were \$21,317, and \$18,556, respectively. The increase in 2008 relates to interest income derived from our higher cash deposit balance compared to prior period.

Net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 was \$2,274,452 and \$949,242, respectively.

STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

Three Months Ended March 31, 2008 2007

Revenues

\$- \$181,825

Operating expenses

Research and development costs	1,198,843	845,589
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General, selling and administrative expense1,083,169291,053Depreciation and amortization13,75712,981

Total	2,295,769	1,149,62	23
Operating loss	(2,295,76	9) (96	7,798)
Nonoperating income (expense	e)		
Interest Inc.	21,317	18,90	3
Interest expense	-	(347)	1
Net loss	\$(2,274,452)	\$ (949,	242)
Net loss per share, basic and	d dilutive	\$(0.07)	\$(0.04)
Average number of shares of common stock outstanding		762,872	26,585,549

BALANCE SHEETS

	March 31, December 31, 2008 2007
ASSETS	(Unaudited)
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash	\$8,257,850 \$7,403,737
Prepaid expenses	124,064 130,719
Total current assets	8,381,914 7,534,456
Property and equipment, net	155,182 136,920
Other assets	49,272 43,271
Intangible assets, net	111,016 111,406
Total assets	\$8,697,384 \$7,826,053

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses \$494,007 \$1,016,699

Total liabilities	494,007	1,016,699
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Preferred stock	-	-
Common stock	320,759	· ·
Additional paid-in capital	55,813,	067 52,151,245
Accumulated deficit	(47,930,4	49) (45,655,997)
Total stockholders' equity	8,203,2	377 6,809,354

Total liabilities and stockholders' equity \$8,697,384 \$7,826,053

Highlights 2008

In May StemCells Inc. filed a second patent lawsuit against the Company in a California federal court, alleging infringement of two patents related to human neural stem cells. A previous patent suit filed by StemCells against the Company in a Maryland court, which is currently on hold, involves different patents. The Company responded to the two new patent infringement suits by saying that it believes them, and the earlier claims by StemCells, Inc., to be baseless.

Previously in May 2008 the Company filed a suite against StemCells, Inc. stating, among other things, that StemCells intentionally withheld crucial information highly material to the patentability of StemCells' "new" patent (US Pat No. 7,361,505) and that this was done with the intent to deceive the United States Patent Office in order to get the '505 patent allowed. Neuralstem is asking for a declaratory judgment that the patent is unenforceable. The suit will be filed in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland Southern Division.

Also in May 2008 Neuralstem filed a motion to re-open the infringement lawsuit with StemCells, Inc. and to have the stay lifted, so that the case can be disposed of on summary judgment as soon as possible. The company announced that the recent actions of the U.S. Patent Office now entitles the company to summary judgment in the case and that Patent Office actions have destroyed the basis for the infringement suit filed by StemCells, Inc.

In April the European Patent Office granted Neuralstem a European patent EP0915968, covering the "Isolation, Propagation and Directed Differentiation of Stem Cells from Embryonic and Adult Central Nervous System of Mammals." The European patent has been validated in several European countries including France, Germany, Ireland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

In February 2008 Korean conglomerate, CJ CheilJedang Corporation ("CJ") purchased an option to negotiate for the exclusive license to Neuralstem's stem cell products and technology after the company completes a successful human clinical trial. As part of the agreement, CJ has purchased \$2.5 million worth of Neuralstem stock at \$4.063 per share. The terms of the license will be negotiated after the first successful human trial. CJ exclusive markets will include: Korea, Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore and Vietnam, with a first right of negotiation for China and Japan.

About Neuralstem

Neuralstem's patent-protected technology provides, for the first time, the ability to produce neural stem cells of the human brain and spinal cord in commercial quantities, and the ability to control the differentiation of these cells into mature, physiologically relevant human neurons and glia. The Company expects that its first Investigational New Drug (IND) application will be for the treatment of Ischemic Paraplegia, a form of paraplegia that sometimes results from the surgery to repair aortic aneurysms and for which there is currently no effective treatment. The Company hopes to submit its initial IND application to the FDA and begin its first human trial during calendar year 2008.

Major Central Nervous System diseases targeted by the Company with research programs currently underway include: Ischemic Paraplegia, Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury, ALS, and Parkinson's disease. The company's Cells recently extended the life of rats with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) in an experiment outlined in a paper published in the journal TRANSPLANTATION, and were deemed viable for continued work in neurodegenerative spinal conditions. Neuralstem cells also recently reversed paralysis in rats with Ischemic Spastic Paraplegia, a form of paralysis that can result from the surgery to repair aortic aneurysms, as reported in NEUROSCIENCE (http://www.neuroscience-ibro.com/). The company has also developed immortalized human neural stem cells for in-vitro use in drug development for the academic and pharmaceutical markets. For further information, please visit http://www.neuralstem.com.

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