



Pacira Pharmaceuticals Names David M. Stack CEO and President

San Diego – December 18, 2007 --- Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a leader in sustained release injectable technologies, today announced that David M. Stack has been selected as President, Chief Executive Office, and member of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Stack is currently the CEO and founding partner of Stack Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a commercialization, marketing and strategy firm serving emerging healthcare companies. He also is an Executive Partner at MPM Capital.

”David Stack is a proven, successful pharmaceutical executive with an exceptional blend of leadership and business skills”, said Fred Middleton, Chairman of the Board. “We are confident that he is the ideal person to lead Pacira by enhancing the revenue opportunities of our existing commercial products, DepoDur and DepoCyt, optimizing the development and launch of our key asset, DepoBupivacaine, while further exploring the untapped promise of our proprietary drug delivery technologies.”

Commenting on his appointment, Mr. Stack said, “I look forward to joining Pacira at this exciting time in its history. With strong financial backing by a pharmaceutical experienced syndicate, Pacira now has the opportunity to realize its potential by growing into a fully integrated, successful commercial company.”

From September 2001 until August 2004, Mr. Stack was President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of The Medicines Company (NASDAQ:MDCO). Prior to The Medicines Company he was the CEO of Stack Pharmaceuticals, Inc. where MDCO was one of the primary customers.

From May 1995 to December 1999, Mr. Stack served as the President and General Manager of Innovex, Inc. and was responsible for the Americas. Innovex, Inc. is a commercial solutions company offering a full range of marketing, sales and clinical development capabilities to pharmaceutical and biotechnology customers.

Mr. Stack’s prior experience also includes serving as the Vice President of Business Development and Marketing for Immunomedics, Inc. (NASDAQ:IMMU), as well as multiple senior business management positions at Roche Labs. Before he entered the commercial pharmaceutical sector, Mr. Stack was a retail and hospital pharmacist for three years after graduating from Albany College of Pharmacy.

He also holds a BS in Biology from Siena College. Dave was recognized as the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year in 2003 (New Jersey Healthcare). He is a Director of Bio-Imaging Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ:BITI), Medsite, Inc., PepTx, Inc. and QRxPharma Pty Ltd.

About Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Pacira Inc., a Delaware corporation, which is controlled and funded by a group of financial investors including HBM BioVentures (Cayman) Ltd., MPM Capital, OrbiMed Advisors, and Sanderling Ventures. This business is based in San Diego, CA, and formulates, develops and manufactures controlled-release injectable products based on two proprietary drug delivery platforms: DepoFoam[®] and Biosphere[®]. Revenues are generated from two marketed products: DepoCyt[®] for lymphomatous meningitis and DepoDur[®] for the treatment of post-surgical pain. For additional information about Pacira visit the Company's website at <http://www.pacira.com>

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