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Mast Therapeutics To Present At 2016 BIO CEO & Investor Conference On February 8th

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SAN DIEGO, Feb. 2, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- **Mast Therapeutics, Inc.** (NYSE MKT: MSTX), a biopharmaceutical company developing novel clinical-stage therapies for sickle cell disease and heart failure today announced that the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Brian M. Culley, will present at the 2016 BIO CEO & Investor Conference on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time in the Conrad Salon at the Waldorf Astoria hotel in New York.

Interested parties can access a live audio webcast on the Mast Therapeutics web site at www.masttherapeutics.com. An archived presentation will be available on the web site for 30 days.

About Mast Therapeutics

Mast Therapeutics, Inc. is a publicly traded biopharmaceutical company headquartered in San Diego, California. The Company is leveraging its **MAST platform**, derived from over two decades of clinical, nonclinical and manufacturing experience with purified and non-purified poloxamers, to develop vepoloxamer (also known as MST-188), its lead product candidate, for serious or life-threatening diseases and conditions typically characterized by impaired microvascular blood flow and damaged cell membranes. The Company is also developing AIR001, a sodium nitrite solution for inhalation via nebulization.

Vepoloxamer is an investigational new drug being tested in a pivotal Phase 3 study called **EPIC** for the treatment of vaso-occlusive crisis in patients with sickle cell disease and in a Phase 2 study for the treatment of patients with chronic heart failure. AIR001 is an investigational new drug in Phase 2a clinical development for the treatment of patients with heart failure with preserved ejection fraction (HFpEF). More information can be found on the Company's web site at www.masttherapeutics.com. (Twitter: [@MastThera](https://twitter.com/MastThera))

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