

Urogen N.A., Inc. Appoints Dennis Giesing, PhD As Director of Product Development

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BURLINGAME, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Urogen N.A., Inc., a specialty pharmaceutical company focusing on urological disorders, has appointed Dennis H. Giesing, PhD to serve as the Company's Director of Product Development. Dr. Giesing will be responsible for managing Urogen's expanding drug development pipeline.

"Dr. Giesing is uniquely qualified to manage the drug development programs at Urogen," said William J. Garner, President and CEO of Urogen. "His extensive experience and drug development accomplishments bode well for the success of Urogen's expanding pipeline."

Dr. Giesing has more than thirty years of experience in pharmaceutical drug development, most recently as CEO and co-founder of CepheidRX LLC, a pharmaceutical design and development company. At Aventis Pharmaceuticals, he served as Senior Vice President of Lead Optimization and Vice President, Global Drug Metabolism & Pharmacokinetics. Previously, he held numerous leadership roles at Hoechst Marion Roussel, Marion Merrell Dow, and Marion Laboratories. Dr. Giesing has participated in numerous development programs that have resulted in global regulatory approvals in a variety of therapeutic areas, including anti-infectives, arthritis, bone, cardiovascular, gastrointestinal, genitourinary, metabolism and respiratory.

About Urogen N.A., Inc.

Urogen N.A., Inc. is a specialty pharmaceutical company dedicated to the development and commercialization of therapeutic products for urological disorders. Urogen has five programs in development that are either in or positioned to enter Phase 2 clinical trials. The pipeline includes U101, for the treatment of Chronic Pelvic Pain (CPP); U102, targeting symptoms of CPP secondary to pelvic irradiation; U103, targeting dyspareunia; U301, targeting acute urethral discomfort; and U302, targeting urethritis. For further information, please visit the Company's website at www.urogen.com.

This press release includes forward-looking statements. These statements may be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "anticipate," "believe," "continue," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "might," "plan," "potential," "predict," "should," or "will," or the negative thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology. In particular, forward-looking statements include, without limitation, statements related to the implications of clinical results and prospects for future clinical testing. As with any new pharmaceutical product, there are significant risks in development, regulatory approval and commercialization of Urogen's products. There are no guarantees that future clinical studies will confirm the preliminary results discussed in this press release or that U101 or any other Urogen product or products will receive regulatory approval for any medical condition. Further, even if Urogen were to receive regulatory approval for a product, there can be no assurance that such a product would prove to be commercially successful.

Urogen has previously announced the signing of a merger agreement with Valentis, Inc. (NASDAQ:VLTS - News). Valentis is expected to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the Commission, a Registration Statement on Form S-4, which will include a joint proxy statement/prospectus of Valentis and Urogen and other relevant materials in connection with the proposed transaction. The joint proxy statement/prospectus will be mailed to the stockholders of Valentis and Urogen. Investors and security holders of Valentis and Urogen are urged to read the joint proxy statement/prospectus and the other relevant materials when they

become available because they will contain important information about Valentis, Urigen and the proposed merger. The joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials (when they become available), and any other documents filed by Valentis or Urigen with the Commission, may be obtained free of charge at the Commission's web site at www.sec.gov. Investors and security holders are urged to read the joint proxy statement/prospectus and the other relevant materials when they become available before making any voting or investment decision with respect to the proposed transaction.

With respect to the proposed merger additional risks include: the future financial condition of Valentis (either before or after the merger), the continued qualification of the common stock of Valentis for listing on the NASDAQ Capital Market (either before or after the merger), risks associated with the discontinuance of the existing Valentis operations, risks associated with unsatisfactory results from the clinical trials of Urigen products, the successful integration of Valentis and Urigen, costs and potential litigation associated with the merger, industry-wide changes and other causes, the risk that the transaction may not be completed, the failure of either party to meet the closing conditions set forth in the merger agreement or that the closing of the transaction may be delayed due to failure to obtain required approvals. These and other important factors to be discussed in the joint proxy statement/prospectus may cause the actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. Given these risks and uncertainties, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. Urigen does not undertake any obligation to update any such statements or to publicly announce the results of any revisions to any such statements to reflect future events or developments.

Urigen and its respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of Valentis and Urigen in favor of the proposed merger. Information about the directors and executive officers of Urigen and their respective interests in the proposed merger will be available in the joint proxy statement/prospectus. Investors should read the proxy statement/prospectus carefully when it becomes available before making any voting or investment decisions. This press release does not constitute an offer of any securities for sale or the solicitation of any proxy.

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