Vical to Present Update On Pandemic Influenza Vaccine Program and Overview of Pivotal Phase 3 Melanoma Trial At ASGT Conference

SAN DIEGO, May 27, 2009 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Vical Incorporated (Nasdaq:VICL) today announced that the company will be presenting at a series of upcoming conferences. At the annual meeting of the American Society of Gene Therapy (San Diego, CA, May 27 - 30):

* Vical's Executive Vice President of Product Development, Alain P. Rolland, Pharm.D., Ph.D., will provide a summary and status report on the company's vaccine programs for both H5 (avian) and H1 (swine) strains of pandemic influenza; and

* Vical's Executive Director of Oncology Clinical Research, Linda G. Strause, Ph.D., will provide an overview of the company's lead cancer program, the Allovectin-7(r) Immunotherapy for Metastatic Melanoma (AIMM) Phase 3 clinical trial.

About Vical

Vical researches and develops biopharmaceutical products based on its patented DNA delivery technologies for the prevention and treatment of serious or life-threatening diseases. Potential applications of the company's DNA delivery technology include DNA vaccines for infectious diseases or cancer, in which the expressed protein is an immunogen; cancer immunotherapeutics, in which the expressed protein is an immune system stimulant; and cardiovascular therapies, in which the expressed protein is an angiogenic growth factor. The company is developing certain infectious disease vaccines and cancer therapeutics internally. In addition, the company collaborates with major pharmaceutical companies and biotechnology companies that give it access to complementary technologies or greater resources. These strategic partnerships provide the company with mutually beneficial opportunities to expand its product pipeline and address significant unmet medical needs. Additional information on Vical is available at www.vical.com.

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