



Ziopharm Oncology Announces Election of Robert Postma to its Board of Directors

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BOSTON, Feb. 05, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Ziopharm Oncology](#), Inc. ("Ziopharm" or "the Company") (Nasdaq:ZIOP) today announced the election of Robert Postma to its Board of Directors (the "Board"), effective immediately. Mr. Postma is the Founder of WaterMill Asset Management, a sizeable and long-term shareholder of Ziopharm.

James Huang, Chairman of the Board, said, "We welcome Bob to Ziopharm's Board of Directors. With his experience and financial acumen, Bob will make an immediate contribution to Ziopharm and I believe the Board is now well positioned to partner with the management team to deliver on our very promising T-cell directed and cytokine technologies and opportunities."

Laurence Cooper, M.D., CEO of Ziopharm said, "We will benefit from having additional shareholder guidance on the Board. Bob is a respected voice, and his counsel will help in directing the Company's strategies."

Mr. Postma commented, "I am glad to join the Board and bring this chapter in the Company's history to a close. I look forward to working with management and the Board to help deliver on the promise of the Company's science to patients and investors."

Mr. Postma's appointment increases the size of the Board from eight to nine members, a modification approved by the Board.

About Ziopharm Oncology, Inc.

Ziopharm is developing non-viral and cytokine-driven cell and gene therapies that weaponize the body's immune system to treat the millions of people globally diagnosed with cancer each year. With its multiplatform approach, Ziopharm is at the forefront of immuno-oncology. Ziopharm's pipeline is built for commercially scalable, cost effective T-cell receptor T-cell therapies based on its non-viral *Sleeping Beauty* gene transfer platform, a precisely controlled IL-12 gene therapy, and rapidly manufactured *Sleeping Beauty*-enabled CD19-specific CAR-T program. The Company has clinical and strategic collaborations with the National Cancer Institute, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and Regeneron Pharmaceuticals. For more information, please visit www.ziopharm.com.

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