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## Ziopharm Oncology to Announce Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2017 Year-end Financial Results and Host Conference Call on March 1

BOSTON, Feb. 13, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Ziopharm Oncology, Inc. (Nasdaq:ZIOP), today announced that management will host a conference call and webcast slide presentation on Thursday, March 1, at 4:30 p.m. ET to provide a corporate update and discuss financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended Dec. 31, 2017.

The call can be accessed by dialing 1-844-309-0618 (U.S. and Canada) or 1-661-378-9465 (international). The passcode for the conference call is 3782628. To access the slides and live webcast or the subsequent archived recording, visit the "Investors & Media" section of the Ziopharm website at [www.ziopharm.com](http://www.ziopharm.com). The webcast will be recorded and available for replay on the Company's website for two weeks.

### About Ziopharm Oncology, Inc.

Ziopharm Oncology is a Boston-based biotechnology company focused on development of next-generation immunotherapies utilizing gene- and cell-based therapies to treat patients with cancer. In partnership with Precigen Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Intrexon Corporation (NYSE:XON), Ziopharm is focused on the development of two platform technologies designed to deliver safe, effective and scalable cell- and viral-based therapies for the treatment of multiple cancer types: Controlled IL-12 and *Sleeping Beauty* for genetically modifying T cells. The Company's lead asset, Ad-RTS-hIL-12 plus veledimex, has demonstrated in clinical trials the potential to control interleukin-12, leading to an infiltration of T cells that fight brain cancer. The Company also is advancing therapies using *Sleeping Beauty*, a non-viral approach to genetically modify chimeric antigen receptor (CAR+) and T-cell receptor (TCR+) T cells, which target specific antigens in blood cancers and neoantigens solid tumors. *Sleeping Beauty* is designed using the Company's point-of-care technology, a shortened manufacturing process which potentially can be developed as a decentralized manufacturing process based in hospitals. These programs are being advanced in collaboration with Precigen and with MD Anderson Cancer Center, the National Cancer Institute and Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany.

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