## NewLink Genetics to Participate in the Stifel 2018 Healthcare Conference

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AMES, Iowa, Oct. 30, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- NewLink Genetics Corporation (NASDAQ:NLNK), a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing novel immuno-oncology therapeutic candidates, announced today it will present at the Stifel 2018 Healthcare Conference. The conference is being held on November 13 – 14 at the Lotte New York Palace Hotel in New York City, New York.

NewLink's management will participate in an analyst-led fireside chat Tuesday, November 13, 2018 from 11:45 AM - 12:25 PM ET and will be available for one-on-one meetings with investors who are registered to attend the conference.

A live webcast of the conference presentation will be available on the Company's website at <a href="www.newlinkgenetics.com">www.newlinkgenetics.com</a> in the "Investors & Media" section under "Events & Presentations".

## **About NewLink Genetics Corporation**

NewLink Genetics is a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing novel immuno-oncology product candidates to improve the lives of patients with cancer. NewLink Genetics' immunotherapeutic candidates, indoximod and NLG802, a prodrug of indoximod, are investigational, orally available small molecules targeting the IDO pathway and are designed to harness multiple components of the immune system to combat cancer. Indoximod reverses the immunosuppressive effects of low tryptophan and high kynurenine through mechanisms that include modulation of the AhR-driven transcription of genes that control immune function. This results in increased proliferation of effector T cells, increased differentiation into helper T cells rather than regulatory T cells, and downregulation of IDO expression in dendritic cells. Indoximod is being evaluated in combination with treatment regimens including chemotherapy, radiation, checkpoint blockade and cancer vaccines across multiple indications including recurrent pediatric brain tumors, DIPG, and AML. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.newlinkgenetics.com">www.newlinkgenetics.com</a> and follow us on Twitter <a href="https://www.newlinkgenetics.com">@NLNKGenetics</a>.

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