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## NewLink Genetics to Present at the Jefferies 2012 Global Healthcare Conference

AMES, Iowa, May 30, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- NewLink Genetics (Nasdaq:NLNK) announced today that Dr. Charles Link, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, will present at the Jefferies 2012 Global Healthcare Conference in New York on Wednesday, June 6, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. (EDT). Dr. Link's presentation will include an update from the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) 2012 Annual Meeting taking place June 1-5, 2012 including data from the Company's HyperAcute products and IDO Pathway Inhibitor Therapies.

A live webcast of the presentation call can be accessed by visiting the investors section of the NewLink website at <a href="http://investors.linkp.com/">http://investors.linkp.com/</a>. A replay of the webcast will be archived on the company's website.

## **About NewLink Genetics Corporation**

NewLink Genetics Corporation is a biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering, developing and commercializing novel immunotherapeutic products to improve cancer treatment options for patients and physicians. NewLink's portfolio includes biologic and small-molecule immunotherapy product candidates intended to treat a wide range of oncology indications. NewLink's product candidates are designed with an objective to harness multiple components of the innate immune system to combat cancer, either as a monotherapy or in combination with current treatment regimens, without incremental toxicity. NewLink's lead product candidate, HyperAcute Pancreas cancer immunotherapy (algenpantucel-L), is being studied in a Phase 3 clinical trial in surgically-resected pancreatic cancer patients (patient information is available at <a href="http://www.pancreaticcancer-clinicaltrials.com">http://www.pancreaticcancer-clinicaltrials.com</a>). This clinical trial is being performed under a Special Protocol Assessment with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. NewLink and its collaborators have completed patient enrollment for a Phase 1/2 clinical trial evaluating its HyperAcute Lung cancer immunotherapy product candidate (turgenpumatucel-L) for non-small cell lung cancer and a Phase 2 clinical trial for its HyperAcute Melanoma cancer immunotherapy product candidate. NewLink also is developing NLG8189 (d-1-methyltryptophan, or D-1MT), a small-molecule, orally bioavailable product candidate from NewLink's proprietary indoleamine-(2, 3)-dioxygenase, or IDO, pathway inhibitor technology. Through NewLink's collaboration with the National Cancer Institute, NewLink is studying NLG8189 in various chemotherapy and immunotherapy combinations in two Phase 1B/2 safety and efficacy clinical trials. For more information please visit <a href="https://www.linkp.com">www.linkp.com</a>.

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