

Elite Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Reports Financial Results for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2017 and Provides Conference Call Information

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Conference Call Scheduled for Thursday, June 15 at 2:00 PM EDT

NORTHVALE, N.J., June 14, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Elite Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Elite" or the "Company") (OTCBB:ELTP), a specialty pharmaceutical company developing abuse-deterrent opioids and niche generic products, announced results for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017 ("Fiscal 2017").

Consolidated revenues for Fiscal 2017 were \$9.6 million, a decrease of approximately 23% as compared to revenues for the prior year. The prior year's revenues including a non-recurring \$2.5 million milestone related to the development of SequestOx™ offset strong growth in Elite's generic sales. A decrease in methadone contract manufacturing also contributed to a decrease in revenues. Product development activities continued to accelerate during Fiscal 2017, which resulted in the achievement of several significant milestones. These milestones included filing ANDA applications for generic versions of Percocet and Norco, receiving positive topline results for the first product Elite is jointly developing with SunGen Pharma, and acquiring an ANDA for generic Trimipramine, which will be marketed by Dr. Reddy's Laboratories.

"It was a good year for Elite. We now have three filed ANDAs under active review by the FDA and have recently purchased an already approved ANDA," commented Nasrat Hakim, Elite's President and CEO. "We look forward to approvals, product launches and the growth which they will generate. We are excited about the next fiscal year as Elite continues to fill its pipeline with additional ANDA filings and approvals."

Conference Call Information

Elite's management will host a conference call to discuss the year end 2017 financial results and provide an update on recent business developments. Stockholder questions should be submitted to the company in advance of the call.

Date: Thursday, June 15, 2017
Time: 2:00 PM EDT
Dial-in numbers: 1-800-346-7359 (domestic)
1-973-528-0008 (international)

Conference number: 98840

Questions: investors@elitepharma.com by 9:00 AM EDT on Thursday, June 15, 2017

Audio Replay: https://ir.elitepharma.com/events_presentations

The financial statements can be viewed for Elite's Fiscal Year-end Report on Form 10-K [here](#).

About Elite Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Elite Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a specialty pharmaceutical company which is developing a pipeline of proprietary pharmacological abuse deterrent opioid products as well as niche generic products. Elite specializes in oral sustained and controlled release drug products which have high barriers to entry. Elite owns generic and OTC products which have been licensed to TAGI Pharma, Epic Pharma, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories and Valeant Pharmaceuticals International. Elite currently has nine commercial products being sold, four products under review pending approval by the FDA, additional approved products pending manufacturing site transfer and the NDA for SequestOx™, for which it received the CRL from the FDA. Elite's lead pipeline products include abuse-deterrent opioids which utilize the Company's patented proprietary technology and a once-daily opioid. These products include sustained release oral formulations of opioids for the treatment of chronic pain. These formulations are intended to address two major limitations of existing oral opioids: the provision of consistent relief of baseline pain levels and deterrence of potential opioid abuse. Elite also provides contract manufacturing for Ascend Laboratories (a subsidiary of Alkem Laboratories Ltd.). Elite operates a GMP and DEA registered facility for research, development, and manufacturing located in Northvale, NJ. Learn more at www.elitepharma.com.

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