



Exicure Appoints Dr. Bali Muralidhar of Abingworth LLP and Bosun Hau of Tybourne Capital Management to its Board of Directors

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CHICAGO & CAMBRIDGE, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 7, 2019-- Exicure, Inc. (Nasdaq: XCUR), a pioneer in gene regulatory and immunotherapeutic drugs utilizing spherical nucleic acid (SNA™) constructs, today announced the appointment of Dr. Bali Muralidhar, a partner at Abingworth LLP, and Mr. Bosun Hau, a managing director and co-head of private equity at Tybourne Capital Management, to its Board of Directors.

"We are excited to welcome two high caliber leaders like Dr. Muralidhar and Mr. Hau to our board," said Dr. Chad Mirkin, Ph.D., chairman of the board of Exicure. "Their insight and experience will greatly benefit our strategic priorities and growth as we advance our ongoing clinical programs and expand into new therapeutic areas."

Bali Muralidhar, M.D., Ph.D., has more than 15 years' experience in healthcare across a range of functions and currently serves as partner at Abingworth LLP, an international investment group dedicated to life sciences. Prior to joining Abingworth, Dr. Muralidhar was a senior partner at MVM Partners LLP. Prior to MVM, he was a member of Bain Capital's leverage buyout team, focusing on healthcare. He earned a degree in clinical medicine from the University of Oxford and has a Ph.D. in translational cancer research from the MRC Cancer Cell Unit, University of Cambridge.

"Exicure has developed a new class of genetic medicines with a differentiated platform for oligonucleotide drugs. The SNA technology opens possibilities for DNA and RNA therapies in tissues other than the liver. I am pleased to be joining the board during this important time and to work with such a high-quality team," said Dr. Muralidhar. "Abingworth is delighted to have led Exicure's recent oversubscribed financing, which will help enable the company to advance its rich pipeline of development candidates and bring much needed therapies to unserved patients globally."

Bosun Hau brings more than 15 years of life science experience to Exicure's board with a focus on emerging growth stage companies. Previously, Mr. Hau served as managing director and partner at Sailing Capital. He also served as a partner at MVM Partners and as a consultant with McKinsey & Company. Prior to McKinsey, he was part of GlaxoSmithKline's corporate venture group and has also served as an equity research analyst covering the medical device and pharmaceutical industries for JP Morgan and Prudential. Mr. Hau received a B.S. in Molecular and Cellular Biology, a B.S.H.S. in Physiological Sciences and a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Arizona, an M.Sc. in Biotechnology from Johns Hopkins University and an M.B.A in Finance and Health Management from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

"I look forward to working with the Exicure board and management team to bring additional strategic perspective to their pipeline and advance innovative drug candidates from discovery through development to benefit patients," said Mr. Hau.

About Exicure, Inc.

Exicure, Inc. is a clinical-stage biotechnology company developing therapeutics for immuno-oncology, inflammatory diseases and genetic disorders based on our proprietary Spherical Nucleic Acid, or SNA technology. Exicure believes that its proprietary SNA architecture has distinct chemical and biological properties that may provide advantages over other nucleic acid therapeutics and may have therapeutic potential to target diseases not typically addressed with other nucleic acid therapeutics. Exicure's lead program is in a Phase 1b/2 trial in patients with advanced solid tumors. Exicure is based outside of Chicago, IL and in Cambridge, MA. www.exicuretx.com

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