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Prothena to be Added to NASDAQ Biotechnology Index and NASDAQ Global Select Market

DUBLIN, Ireland, Dec. 30, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Prothena Corporation plc (Nasdaq:PRTA), a clinical stage biotechnology company focused on the discovery, development and commercialization of novel antibodies for the potential treatment of a broad range of diseases, today announced that it was selected for addition to the NASDAQ Biotechnology Index (Nasdaq:NBI), which became effective before market open on December 23, 2013. Prothena also announced that its common stock will be transferred to the NASDAQ Global Select Market effective January 2, 2014.

The NASDAQ Biotechnology Index is designed to track the performance of a set of securities listed on The NASDAQ Stock Market® that are classified as either biotechnology or pharmaceutical according to the Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB). The NASDAQ Biotechnology Index is re-ranked annually and is the basis for the iShares NASDAQ Biotechnology Index Fund (IBB), which seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance, before fees and expenses, of the NASDAQ Biotechnology Index. In addition, options based on the iShares NASDAQ Biotechnology Index Fund trade on various exchanges. For more information about the NASDAQ Biotechnology Index visit www.nasdaq.com.

The NASDAQ Global Select Market is the top listing tier for NASDAQ companies, with the highest initial listing standards in the world.

About Prothena

Prothena Corporation plc is a clinical stage biotechnology company focused on the discovery, development and commercialization of novel antibodies for the potential treatment of a broad range of diseases that involve protein misfolding and cell adhesion, particularly on the discovery, development and commercialization of potential therapeutic monoclonal antibodies directed specifically to disease-causing proteins. These potential therapies have a broad range of indications, including AL and AA forms of amyloidosis (NEOD001), Parkinson's disease and related synucleinopathies (PRX002), and novel cell adhesion targets involved in inflammatory disease and metastatic cancers (PRX003).

For more information, please visit the Company's web site at www.prothena.com.

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