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Arch Therapeutics Announces Addition of Contract Sales Force to Advance Commercialization of AC5® Advanced Wound System in Government Facilities

Dedicated representation in selected geographic locations to support new and recurring sales in government facilities

FRAMINGHAM, Mass., March 07, 2023 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Arch Therapeutics, Inc. (OTCQB: ARTH) ("**Arch**" or the "**Company**"), a marketer and developer of novel self-assembling wound care and biosurgical products, today announced an expansion of its contracted sales force with a dedicated team of independent representatives whose primary objective will be to support surgeons and other medical professionals as well as advance the commercialization of AC5® Advanced Wound System ("**AC5**") in high volume government facilities.

The Company is on schedule to add approximately fifteen independent commission-based sales representatives by the end of Q1 2023 dedicated to supporting AC5, Arch's self-assembling wound care product, in federal government agencies, including the Department of Veterans Affairs ("**VA**"), Indian Health Services ("**IHS**"), Department of Defense ("**DOD**") and Medical Treatment Facilities ("**MTF**"). These additional representatives will be deployed to optimize opportunities in newly created sales regions and in current regions that have had initial and restocking orders for AC5.

"Expansion of our sales footprint is a key step in our commercialization plan, particularly for the government channel," stated Dan Yrigoyen, Vice President of Sales of Arch Therapeutics. "While the sales cycle is long, we have experienced an increase in new and recurring sales orders in areas where Arch management directly provides dedicated selling and clinical support to our independent sales representatives. We believe at this stage of product rollout, that we can further advance our commercialization efforts by deploying additional qualified sales representatives who have a proven track record selling advanced wound care products in VA and other government facilities. For example, this approach recently resulted in a repeat order and subsequent decision to maintain and replenish AC5 inventory as it is used on an ongoing basis within the largest US-based government hospital and only Level 1 Trauma Center within the Department of Defense," concluded Mr. Yrigoyen.

Michael Abrams, Chief Financial Officer of Arch Therapeutics, said, "The independent sales representative deployment model allows us to expand our selling opportunities within targeted government geographies without increasing overhead, which should enable the

Company to pursue incremental revenue opportunities without impacting monthly cash requirements.”

AC5 is indicated for the management of partial and full-thickness wounds, such as acute and chronic wounds, including pressure sores, venous leg ulcers, diabetic foot ulcers, and surgical wounds. Early data from its use in challenging wounds, including in those requiring aggressive debridement or in patients with significant co-morbidities, has been positive and presented by key opinion leaders at recent wound care conferences.

About Arch Therapeutics, Inc.

Located in Framingham, Massachusetts, Arch is a biotechnology company with a novel approach to stop bleeding (hemostasis), control leaking (sealant), and manage wounds during surgery, trauma, and interventional care. Arch is developing wound care and biosurgical products based on an innovative self-assembling peptide technology platform with the goal of improving healing outcomes for patients. Arch has received regulatory clearance to market AC5[®] Advanced Wound System in the United States and AC5[®] Topical Hemostat in Europe. Arch's development stage product pipeline includes AC5-G[™] for endoscopic resection of gastrointestinal tumors, AC5-V[®] for hemostasis during vascular surgery, and AC5 Surgical Hemostat for general surgical hemostasis, among others.^{1,2}

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