

## Enzon Announces Discontinuation of PEG-SN38 Program in Metastatic Colorectal Carcinoma in Light of Evolving Standards of Care

PEG-SN38 Clinical Programs Continue in Metastatic Breast Cancer, Other Solid Tumors

PISCATAWAY, N.J.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Enzon Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq: ENZN) today announced that, in light of evolving standards of care for the treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer (mCRC), the Company will discontinue its PEG-SN38 (EZN-2208) clinical program in this disease, following conclusion of its Phase II study. Enzon continues to enroll studies for the Company's other PEG-SN38 programs, which include a soon-to-be fully enrolled Phase II study in metastatic breast cancer, a Phase I study in pediatric cancer, and a Phase I study in combination with Avastin<sup>®</sup> (bevacizumab injection) in solid tumors.

"While we may evaluate PEG-SN38 in earlier lines of colorectal cancer treatment in future clinical trials, at this time, resources associated with such trials are better directed toward areas of study with nearer-term commercial potential," said Richard Mulligan, Ph.D., Vice-Chairman of Enzon's Board of Directors. "We remain highly encouraged by the promising activity and safety of PEG-SN38 in a number of cancers, including metastatic breast cancer, and look forward to the rapid execution of studies in areas in which the full benefit of irinotecan cannot be realized due to toxicity."

## **About Enzon**

Enzon Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a biotechnology company dedicated to the research and development of innovative therapeutics for cancer patients with high unmet medical needs. Enzon's drug-development programs utilize two platforms — Customized PEGylation Linker Technology (Customized Linker Technology<sup>®</sup>) and third-generation mRNA-targeting agents utilizing the Locked Nucleic Acid (LNA) technology. Enzon currently has four compounds in clinical development and multiple novel LNA targets in preclinical research. Enzon receives royalty revenues from licensing arrangements with other companies related to sales of products developed using its Customized Linker Technology. Further information about Enzon and this press release can be found on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.enzon.com">www.enzon.com</a>.

## **Forward Looking Statements**

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