Microbot Medical Increases its Global IP Portfolio with Notice of Allowance from the European Patent Office

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HINGHAM, Mass., Jan. 14, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Microbot Medical Inc. (NASDAQ: MBOT), received a notification from the European Patent Office that it will grant a patent for Application No. 08738207, which covers the Company's ViRob™ technology platform. Including this latest notification, the Company has 30 issued/allowed patents and 18 patent applications pending worldwide.

"The allowance of this European patent application further strengthens our global intellectual property estate covering micro-robotic technology platform," commented Harel Gadot, CEO, President and Chairman. "As we have demonstrated since becoming a publicly traded company, we are creating significant barriers to entry and this combined with the positive safety data we continue to achieve with our Self-Cleaning Shunt (SCS™), are reinforcing our pillars for success."

The allowed application covers an autonomous vibration-driven device for motion relative to a juxtaposed surface, such as an inner wall of a lumen. The device includes a body and an array of fibers attached thereto, with at least some of the fibers maintaining contact with the juxtaposed surface and having anisotropic surface friction therewith, such that mutual vibratory motion between the device and the juxtaposed surface causes the device to move along the surface.

About Microbot Medical, Inc.

MicrobotTM, which was founded in 2010 and commenced operations in 2011, became a NASDAQ listed company onNovember 28, 2016. The Company specializes in transformational micro-robotic medical technologies leveraging the natural and artificial lumens within the human body. Microbot's current technological platforms, ViRob TM, TipCATTM and CardioSertTM, are comprised of three highly advanced technologies, from which the Company is currently developing its first product candidate: the Self Cleaning Shunt, or SCSTM, for the treatment of hydrocephalus and Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus, or NPH; and focusing on the development of a Multi Generation Pipeline Portfolio (MGPP) utilizing all technologies. Further information about Microbot Medical is available at http://www.microbotmedical.com.

The ViRobTM technology is a revolutionary autonomous crawling micro-robot which can be controlled remotely or within the body. Its miniature dimensions allow it to navigate and crawl in different spaces within the human body, including blood vessels, the digestive tract and the respiratory system. Its unique structure gives it the ability to move in tight spaces and curved passages as well as the ability to remain within the human body for prolonged time. To learn more about ViRobTM please visit http://www.microbotmedical.com/technology/virob/.

TipCATTM is a transformational self-propelled, flexible, and semi-disposable endoscope providing see & treat capabilities within tubular lumens in the human body such as the colon, blood vessels, and the urinary tract. Its locomotion mechanism is perfectly suitable to navigate and crawl through natural & artificial tubular lumens, applying the minimal necessary pressure to achieve the adequate friction required for gentle, fast, and safe advancement within the human body. To learn more about TipCATTM, visit http://www.microbotmedical.com/technology/tipcat/.

CardioSertTM technology is a unique combination of a guidewire and microcatheter, technologies that are broadly used for endoluminal surgery. The CardioSertTM technology features unique steering and stiffness control capabilities, and it was originally developed to support interventional cardiologists in crossing the most complex lesions called chronic total occlusion (CTO) during percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) procedures and has the potential to be used in other spaces and applications, such as peripheral intervention, neurosurgery and urology. CardioSertTM was part of a technological incubator supported by the Israel Innovation Authorities (formerly known as the Office of the Chief Scientist, or OCS), and its device has successfully completed pre-clinical testing.

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