OncoCyte Corporation Added to Russell 3000® Index and Russell 2000® Index

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ALAMEDA, Calif., June 26, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **OncoCyte Corporation** (NYSE MKT:OCX), a developer of novel, non-invasive blood-based liquid biopsy tests for the early detection of cancer, has been added to the broad U.S. market Russell 3000® Index and the small-cap Russell 2000® Index as part of Russell Investments' annual reconstitution of its stock indexes. The addition to both indexes is effective at the opening of U.S. markets today.

“OncoCyte’s inclusion in the Russell 3000 and 2000 indexes means that index funds that track the Russell 3000 and Russell 2000 will add OCX to their portfolios, broadening our shareholder base while at the same time expanding awareness of the Company,” said William Annett, Chief Executive Officer. “Our addition to the Russell indexes is an important milestone in the Company’s development as we continue to advance our pipeline of liquid biopsy cancer diagnostic tests, including the planned commercial launch of our lung cancer diagnostic test during the second half of 2017.”

Russell indexes are widely used by investment managers and institutional investors for index funds and as benchmarks for active investment strategies. Approximately $8.4 trillion in assets are benchmarked against Russell’s U.S. indexes. Russell indexes are part of FTSE Russell, a leading global index provider.

For more information on the Russell indexes reconstitution, please visit the FTSE Russell website.

About OncoCyte Corporation

OncoCyte is focused on the development and commercialization of novel, non-invasive blood and urine (“liquid biopsy”) diagnostic tests for the early detection of cancer to improve health outcomes through earlier diagnoses, to reduce the cost of care through the avoidance of more costly diagnostic procedures, including invasive biopsy and cystoscopic procedures, and to improve the quality of life for cancer patients. While current biopsy tests use invasive surgical procedures to provide tissue samples in order to determine if a tumor is benign or malignant, OncoCyte is developing a next generation of diagnostic tests that will be based on liquid biopsies using blood or urine samples. OncoCyte’s pipeline products are intended to be confirmatory diagnostics for detecting lung, breast and bladder cancer. OncoCyte’s diagnostic tests are being developed using proprietary sets of genetic and protein markers that differentially express in specific types of cancer.

Forward Looking Statements

Any statements that are not historical fact (including, but not limited to statements that contain words such as “will,” “believes,” “plans,” “anticipates,” “expects,” “estimates” and similar expressions) are forward-looking statements. These statements include those pertaining to the implementation and results of our future financial and/or operating results, future growth in research, technology, clinical

development, and potential opportunities for OncoCyte, along with other statements about the future expectations, beliefs, goals, plans, or prospects expressed by management. Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, including, without limitation, risks inherent in the development and/or commercialization of potential diagnostic tests or products, uncertainty in the results of clinical trials or regulatory approvals, the need and ability to obtain future capital, and maintenance of intellectual property rights, and the need to obtain third party reimbursement for patient's use of any diagnostic tests we commercialize. Actual results may differ materially from the results anticipated in these forward-looking statements and as such should be evaluated together with the many uncertainties that affect the business of OncoCyte, particularly those mentioned in the "Risk Factors" and other cautionary statements found in OncoCyte's Securities and Exchange Commission filings. OncoCyte disclaims any intent or obligation to update these forward-looking statements, except as required by law.

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