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**ANGIOTECH PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
FIRST QUARTER 2006 FINANCIAL RESULTS CONFERENCE CALL**

VANCOUVER, BC, April 27, 2006 - Angiotech Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ: ANPI, TSX: ANP) will host a conference call discussing financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2006.

Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at 11:00 AM (EST)
(8:00 AM Pacific, 9:00 AM Mountain, 10:00 AM Central)

Dial information is as follows:
North America: 1-800-329-9097
International: 1-617-614-4929
Enter passcode: 19972059#

A live webcast will be available to all interested parties through Angiotech's website at www.angiotech.com under the Investor Relations section.

A press release announcing Angiotech's financial results will be issued prior to the conference call at approximately 8:00 AM EST (5:00 AM Pacific, 6:00 AM Mountain, 7:00 AM Central).

Replay of the conference call will be available until Tuesday, May 16, 2006. Replay information is as follows:

North America: 1-888-286-8010
International: 1-617-801-6888
Enter passcode 61788034#

About Angiotech Pharmaceuticals

Angiotech Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a global specialty pharmaceutical company that discovers and develops innovative treatment solutions for diseases or complications associated with medical device implants, surgical interventions and acute injury or trauma. To find out more about Angiotech Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ: ANPI, TSX: ANP), please visit our website at www.angiotech.com.

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