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**ANGIOTECH TO PARTICIPATE IN MERRILL LYNCH GLOBAL PHARMACEUTICAL,
BIOTECHNOLOGY AND MEDICAL DEVICE CONFERENCE**

VANCOUVER, BC, January 29, 2008 – Angiotech Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ: ANPI, TSX: ANP), a global specialty pharmaceutical and medical device company, is scheduled to participate in the Merrill Lynch Global Pharmaceutical, Biotechnology and Medical Device Conference, which is being held February 5-7 in New York, NY.

Dr. William Hunter, Angiotech's President and Chief Executive Officer, is scheduled to present on Tuesday, February 5, at the Grand Hyatt New York, beginning at approximately 3:20 pm ET. A Question and Answer period will immediately follow the presentation.

A live audio-only webcast will be available to all interested parties on the company's website, www.angiotech.com under the Investors section.

About Angiotech

Angiotech Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a global specialty pharmaceutical and medical device company with over 1,500 dedicated employees. Angiotech discovers, develops and markets innovative treatment solutions for diseases or complications associated with medical device implants, surgical interventions and acute injury. To find out more about Angiotech (NASDAQ: ANPI, TSX: ANP), please visit our website at www.angiotech.com.

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