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ANGIOTECH ANNOUNCES DIRECTOR RESIGNATION

VANCOUVER, BC, April 15, 2008 – Angiotech Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ: ANPI, TSX: ANP), a global specialty pharmaceutical and medical device company, announced the resignation of Greg Peet from his position as a non-executive director of the Company. Mr. Peet has resigned to enable him to focus on his numerous business pursuits and additional board appointments. Mr. Peet has served on Angiotech’s Board of Directors since 2005. This position will not be replaced at the current time and the remaining six directors will continue to carry out the duties of the board.

“The board and management would like to thank Greg for his many contributions to the Company’s development,” said David Howard, Angiotech’s Chairman of the Board. “We wish him well in his future endeavours.”

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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