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ANGIOTECH TO PARTICIPATE IN BANK OF AMERICA HEALTH CARE CONFERENCE

VANCOUVER, BC, May 8, 2008 – Angiotech Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ: ANPI, TSX: ANP), a global specialty pharmaceutical and medical device company, is scheduled to participate in the Bank of America 2008 Health Care Conference, which is being held May 13-15 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Dr. William Hunter, Angiotech’s President and Chief Executive Officer, is scheduled to present on Wednesday, May 14, beginning at approximately 4:00 pm Pacific Time. A question and answer session will immediately follow the presentation.

A live webcast of Dr. Hunter’s remarks and the question and answer session 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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