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ANGIOTECH ANNOUNCES WEBCAST AND CALL-IN NUMBERS FOR ANNUAL AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

VANCOUVER, BC, October 24, 2008 – Angiotech Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Angiotech") (NASDAQ: ANPI, TSX: ANP), a global specialty pharmaceutical and medical device company, today announced that its 2008 Annual and Special General Meeting of Shareholders taking place on October 30, 2008 at 8:30am Pacific time will be available via webcast and conference call dial-in.

To listen to the meeting, please dial (800) 573-4754 or (617) 224-4325 and enter passcode 26359745 approximately 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. A taped replay will be made available approximately two hours after the conclusion of the meeting. To access the replay, please dial (888) 286-8010 or (617) 801-6888 and enter passcode 36662026.

The Angiotech Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Annual and Special General Meeting will also be available via a live webcast in the Investors section of Angiotech's website at http://www.angiotech.com. Access the website 15 minutes prior to the start of the call to download and install any necessary audio software. An archived webcast replay will be available on the Company's website for three months.

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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