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ANGIOTECH PHARMACEUTICALS ANNOUNCES TIME CHANGE OF CONFERENCE CALL AND WEBCAST

VANCOUVER, BC, February 24, 2009 – Angiotech Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ: ANPI, TSX: ANP), a global specialty pharmaceutical and medical device company, today announced a time change of its fourth quarter and year end conference call. The call will take place at 10:00 AM ET (7:00 AM PT) on Thursday, March 5, 2009.

Dial information for the earnings call on March 5, 2009 has not changed and is as follows:

North America (toll-free): (800) 291-9234

International: (617) 614-3923

Enter passcode: 52474180

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

A press release announcing Angiotech's financial results will be issued prior to the conference call on March 5 at approximately 8:00 AM ET (5:00 AM Pacific).

A replay archive of the conference call will be available until March 12, 2009.

Replay information is as follows:

North America: (888) 286-8010

International: (617) 801-6888

Enter passcode: 36405359

About Angiotech Pharmaceuticals

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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