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**ANGIOTECH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF
OPHTHALMOLOGY (AAO) 2007 ANNUAL MEETING**

Introducing SharpGuard™ Microsurgical Guarded Knives For Use In Ophthalmic Surgery

VANCOUVER, BC, November 8, 2007 – Angiotech Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ: ANPI, TSX: ANP), a global specialty pharmaceutical and medical device company, today announced that it plans to exhibit its SharpGuard™ product line as well as all of its Sharpoint™ brand ophthalmic disposable surgical instruments at the upcoming American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) annual meeting.

About the SharpGuard™ Guarded Knives Product Line

The SharpGuard™ product line is comprised of microsurgical guarded knives for use in ophthalmic surgery. Key features of the SharpGuard™ product line include:

- Guarded sheath designed to eliminate or minimize sharps injuries
- Sharpoint™ premium quality microsurgical blades manufactured by proprietary Infinite Edge™ technology process
- Ergonomic grip designed for precise control and comfort
- Designed to comply with OSHA bloodborne pathogens regulations

Angiotech will host Booth #2411 at the AAO annual meeting in New Orleans, LA, taking place from November 10-13, 2007.

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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