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**ANGIOTECH PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. ANNOUNCES CONFERENCE CALL
AND WEBCAST
First Quarter 2009 Financial Results**

Vancouver, BC, April 16, 2009 – Angiotech Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ: ANPI, TSX: ANP) will host a conference call discussing its financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2009, on Thursday April 30, 2009 at 11:00 AM ET (8:00 AM Pacific).

Dial-in information for the earnings call on April 30, 2009 is as follows:

North America (toll-free): (800) 901-5247

International: (617) 786-4501

Enter Passcode: 72734002

A live webcast of the earnings call will be available to 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 call on April 30 at approximately 8:00 AM ET (5:00 AM Pacific).

An archived replay of the call will be available until May 7, 2009.

Replay information is as follows:

North America (toll-free): (888) 286-8010

International: (617) 801-6888

Enter Passcode: 95526962

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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