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

Vancouver, BC, October 9, 2009 – Angiotech Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ: ANPI, TSX: ANP) will host a conference call discussing its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2009, on Monday November 9, 2009 at 11:00 AM ET (8:00 AM Pacific).

Dial-in information for the earnings call on November 9, 2009 is as follows:

North America (toll-free): 800.599.9829

International: 617.847.8703

Enter Passcode: 64385781

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 November 9, 2009 at approximately 8:00 AM ET (5:00 AM Pacific).

An archived replay of the call will be available until November 16, 2009.

Replay information is as follows:

North America (toll-free): 888.286.8010

International: 617.801.6888

Enter Passcode: 36157253

Angiotech Pharmaceuticals

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