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Vertex Pharmaceuticals Announces Webcast of its Presentation at the Merrill Lynch Global Pharmaceutical, Biotechnology & Medical Device Conference

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan 31, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated (Nasdaq: VRTX) today announced that it will webcast its corporate presentation at the 2008 Merrill Lynch Global Pharmaceutical, Biotechnology & Medical Device Conference on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 11:40 a.m. EST.

The presentation will be webcast live and may be accessed from 'Events & Presentations' on the home page of Vertex's website at www.vrtx.com. A replay of the webcast will also be available on the Company's website for two weeks following the presentation. To ensure a timely connection, it is recommended that users register at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled webcast.

About Vertex

Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated is a global biotechnology company committed to the discovery and development of breakthrough small molecule drugs for serious diseases. The Company's strategy is to commercialize its products both independently and in collaboration with major pharmaceutical companies. Vertex's product pipeline is focused on viral diseases, inflammation, autoimmune diseases, cancer, pain and bacterial infection. Vertex co-discovered the HIV protease inhibitor, Lexiva, with GlaxoSmithKline.

Lexiva is a registered trademark of the GlaxoSmithKline group of companies.

Vertex's press releases are available at www.vrtx.com.

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