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Vertex Pharmaceuticals Announces Webcasts of its Presentations at Two Investor Conferences

Cambridge, MA, November 5, 2007 -- Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated (Nasdaq: VRTX) today announced that it will webcast its corporate presentations at the 9th Annual MASS Opportunities Investment Conference on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 2:45 p.m. EST and at the Credit Suisse Health Care Conference on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. MST (7:00 p.m. EST).

The presentations will be webcast live and may be accessed from the 'Events & Presentations' on the home page of Vertex's website at www.vrtx.com. A replay of the webcasts will also be available on the Company's website for two weeks following the presentations. 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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