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Vertex Pharmaceuticals Announces Webcast of its Presentation at the Lazard Capital Markets Annual Healthcare Conference

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov 12, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- <u>Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated</u> (Nasdaq: VRTX) today announced that it will webcast its presentation at the Lazard Capital Markets 6th Annual Healthcare Conference on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 2:40 p.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 each 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, cystic fibrosis, inflammation, autoimmune diseases, cancer, and pain. 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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