

June 4, 2009

Vertex Pharmaceuticals Announces Webcasts of its Presentations at Two Investor Conferences

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jun 04, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated (Nasdaq: VRTX) today announced that it will webcast its presentation at the Goldman Sachs 30th Annual Global Healthcare Conference. Matt Emmens, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Vertex, will present on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at 1:50 p.m. EDT.

Vertex will also webcast its presentation at the 8th Annual Needham Life Sciences Conference on Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. EDT. The presentations 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 webcasts 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, 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.

(VRTX-WEB)

SOURCE: Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated

Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated Lora Pike, 617-444-6755 Associate Director, Investor Relations

Copyright Business Wire 2009