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Vertex Pharmaceuticals Announces Webcast of its Presentations at Two Investor Conferences

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Sep 03, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated (Nasdaq: VRTX) today announced that it will webcast its presentations at the Thomas Weisel Partners 2009 Healthcare Conference on Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 2:40 p.m. EDT and at the Baird 2009 Health Care Conference on Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 11:30 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 <u>www.vrtx.com</u>. A replay of the webcasts 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 <u>www.vrtx.com</u>.

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