

## **Sunesis Pharmaceuticals to Present at Lehman Brothers Ninth Annual Global Healthcare Conference**

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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., March 8, 2006 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Sunesis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq: SNSS) today announced that Daniel N. Swisher, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer, will present a company update at the Lehman Brothers Ninth Annual Global Healthcare Conference in South Beach, FL on March 10, 2006 at 11:15 a.m. local time.

Interested parties may access the webcast of the presentation by visiting the Sunesis website at <http://ir.sunesis.com> . A replay of the webcast will be archived on the "Calendar of Events" page in the Investors and Media section of the Sunesis website for two weeks until March 24, 2006.

### **About Sunesis Pharmaceuticals**

Sunesis is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery, development and commercialization of novel small molecule therapeutics for oncology and other serious diseases. Sunesis has built a broad product candidate portfolio through internal discovery and in-licensing of novel cancer therapeutics. Sunesis is advancing its product candidates through in-house research and development efforts and strategic collaborations with leading pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical companies. For further information on Sunesis Pharmaceuticals, please visit <http://www.sunesis.com> .

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

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