

Sunesis Pharmaceuticals to Present Interim Phase 2 Data for SNS-595 at the 39th Annual Meeting on Women's Cancer

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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., March 4, 2008 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Sunesis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq: SNSS), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing novel anticancer therapeutics, will present data at the upcoming 39th Annual Meeting on Women's Cancer hosted by the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists (SGO). This year's conference will be held March 9-12, 2008 at the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, Fla.

Interim data from Sunesis' ongoing Phase 2 clinical trial of SNS-595 in platinum-resistant ovarian cancer will be featured in a poster, "A Phase 2 Trial of SNS-595 in Women with Platinum-Refractory Epithelial Ovarian Cancer"(Abstract # 290), beginning on Sunday, March 9, 2008. Presenting author William P. McGuire, M.D., Medical Director of the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Cancer Institute at Franklin Square Hospital, and a lead investigator for the Phase 2 trial, will be available at the poster on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 between 2:00-3:00 p.m. to discuss the interim Phase 2 data. The poster will also be available following the conference on the Sunesis corporate website at <http://www.sunesis.com>.

About Sunesis' Oncology Programs

Sunesis has built a rich portfolio of product candidates in oncology focused on novel pathways and targets, including inhibition of the cell-cycle and survival signaling. The company's lead compound, SNS-595, is currently in a Phase 1b clinical trial in patients with acute leukemia and a Phase 2 clinical trial in patients with ovarian cancer. SNS-032, Sunesis' potent and selective inhibitor of cyclin-dependent kinases 2, 7 and 9, is being evaluated in a Phase 1 clinical trial in chronic lymphocytic leukemia and multiple myeloma. SNS-314, a potent and selective pan-Aurora kinase inhibitor, is being studied in a Phase 1 dose-escalating clinical trial in patients with advanced solid tumors. In addition, Sunesis is developing novel small molecule inhibitors of Raf kinase and receptor tyrosine kinases in collaboration with Biogen Idec.

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 additional information on Sunesis Pharmaceuticals, please visit <http://www.sunesis.com>.

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