

Sunesis Pharmaceuticals to Present at the Needham 5th Annual Biotechnology & Medical Technology Conference

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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., June 13, 2006 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Sunesis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq: SNSS) today announced that Daniel N. Swisher, Jr., Chief Executive Officer and President, will present a company update at the Needham 5th Annual Biotechnology and Medical Technology Conference on June 14, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time at the New York Palace Hotel in New York, NY.

Interested parties may access a 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 June 28, 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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