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Dechra Pharmaceuticals PLC
("Dechra" or "the Group")
Dechra Strengthens its US Veterinary Product Portfolio

Dechra today announces that it has secured a long-term trademark license and supply agreement with Pharmaderm Animal Health ("Pharmaderm"), part of the US commercial division of ALTANA Inc.

The agreement provides the Group with exclusive marketing and distribution rights for a range of veterinary licensed ophthalmic, otic and dermatological products and the opportunity to develop new veterinary licenses for both North America and Europe.

Under the agreement, Dechra will pay US\$5million in cash for the licenses. The products, which are currently sold to veterinary practices in the USA, achieved sales of US\$7.7 million in the year ended 31 December 2006.

This range of specialist products, which will continue to be manufactured by ALTANA's US commercial division on behalf of Dechra, will be marketed and distributed under the Dechra Veterinary Products brand livery. The agreement will provide the opportunity for the Group to increase sales and to strengthen its profile and brand awareness within the American veterinary market ahead of the launch of its own developed veterinary products, Vetoryl[®], Felimazole[®] and Equidone[®] which are currently undergoing FDA review.

Ian Page, Chief Executive, Dechra Pharmaceuticals PLC said:

"We are delighted to have significantly strengthened our range of specialist veterinary medicines for the US market. We are confident that our technical and marketing expertise can increase market penetration of this specialist product range and, when combined with our own-developed products, will enable us to establish a much stronger foothold and brand awareness within the US-veterinary companion animal market, the largest in the world."

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