Dacogen(TM) (Decitabine) Injection Complete Response Accepted for Review by U.S. FDA

MINNEAPOLIS and DUBLIN, Calif., Dec. 15 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- MGI PHARMA, INC. (Nasdaq: MOGN) and SuperGen, Inc. (Nasdaq: SUPG) today announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has accepted the Companies' resubmission as of November 15, 2005 as a complete response to the Approvable Letter for Dacogen™ (decitabine) injection for myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS). The resubmission has been classified by the FDA as a Class 2 response, and the FDA has established a user fee goal to review this response by May 15, 2006.

About Dacogen™ (Decitabine) Injection

Dacogen injection is a product candidate that belongs to a class of drugs called hypomethylating agents that is currently being evaluated in a broad clinical development program in patients with MDS, acute myeloid leukemia (AML), chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML), and solid tumors. Dacogen injection is not approved for marketing in the U.S. or by other regulatory agencies in their respective countries; therefore, safety and efficacy have not yet been established in any patient population. The Dacogen injection New Drug Application (NDA) is under review by the FDA for the MDS indication. A phase 3 EORTC-sponsored trial is currently ongoing in Europe to evaluate Dacogen injection in patients with MDS. MGI PHARMA is conducting a pivotal program to evaluate Dacogen injection in patients with AML. Additional clinical studies are also underway in patients with MDS to evaluate alternative dosing regimens for Dacogen injection.

About SuperGen

Based in Dublin, California, SuperGen is a pharmaceutical company dedicated to the acquisition, rapid development and commercialization of therapies for solid tumors, hematological malignancies and blood disorders. SuperGen's product portfolio includes Orathecin™ (rubitecan) capsules, an investigational drug being evaluated for the treatment of pancreatic cancer; Nipent® (pentostatin for injection), approved for the treatment of hairy- cell leukemia; Mitomycin, for use in the therapy of disseminated adenocarcinoma of the stomach or pancreas in proven combinations with other approved chemotherapeutic agents and as a palliative treatment when other modalities have failed; and SurfaceSafe® cleaner. For more information about SuperGen, please visit http://www.supergen.com.

About MGI PHARMA

MGI PHARMA, INC. is an oncology and acute care focused biopharmaceutical company that acquires, researches, develops and commercializes proprietary products that address the unmet needs of patients. MGI PHARMA markets Aloxi® (palonosetron hydrochloride) injection and Gliadel® Wafer (polifeprosan 20 with carmustine implant) in the United States. The company directly markets its products in the U.S. and collaborates with partners to reach international markets. For more information about MGI PHARMA, please visit http://www.mgipharma.com.

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