



## **SuperGen COO to Leave Company at Year-End**

### **Move to Coincide With Expected Completion of Nipent®, SurfaceSafe®**

### **Transfer to Mayne Pharma; Reflects Shift in Focus to Drug Discovery, Development**

DUBLIN, Calif., Oct. 4, 2006 - SuperGen, Inc. (Nasdaq: SUPG) announced today that Chief Operating Officer (COO) Edward Jacobs will leave the company at year-end following the expected completion of the sale of Nipent® (pentostatin for injection) and SurfaceSafe® to Mayne Pharma Ltd.

Mr. Jacobs' departure reflects the shift in SuperGen's focus to the development of a pipeline of next-generation anticancer therapies funded by license revenues from these drugs and royalties and milestone payments derived from Dacogen??? (decitabine) for Injection. The company will eliminate the COO position following Mr. Jacobs' departure. "Our Board of Directors is grateful to Ed Jacobs for his commercial leadership over the past seven plus years," said Dr. James Manuso, SuperGen's Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. "During his tenure, SuperGen was able to develop and grow the Nipent franchise, launch operations in Europe, license Dacogen and secure several significant commercial partnerships. With our financial engine in place and growing, we are turning our attention to the discovery, development, partnering and ultimate commercialization of proprietary anticancer drugs."

#### About SuperGen

Based in Dublin, Calif., SuperGen is a pharmaceutical company dedicated to the discovery, acquisition and rapid development of therapies for solid tumors and hematological malignancies. SuperGen is developing a number of therapeutic anticancer products focused on inhibitors of aurora-A, tyrosine kinase and DNA methyltransferase. For more information about SuperGen, please visit <http://www.supergen.com>.

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