SuperGen Announces Withdrawal of Orathecin(TM) Marketing Authorization Application

DUBLIN, Calif., Jan 20, 2006 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- SuperGen, Inc. (Nasdaq: SUPG) today announced that it has withdrawn its Marketing Authorization Application (MAA) for Orathecin™ (rubitecan) Capsules from the European Medicines Agency (EMEA). Orathecin is the Company's investigational drug being developed for the treatment of pancreatic cancer in patients who have failed at least one prior chemotherapy regimen. SuperGen's decision is based on extensive discussions with the EMEA.

The Company currently has a Phase II clinical trial ongoing in the United States studying Orathecin and gemcitabine as a first-line combination therapy for advanced pancreatic cancer patients who have not undergone chemotherapy. SuperGen intends to make a decision on future development or the alternative disposition of Orathecin based on a review of the interim results of this trial, expected to occur during the first half of 2006.

About Orathecin

Orathecin™ (rubitecan) Capsules, an orally active camptothecin, is a topoisomerase I inhibitor that is being developed for the treatment of pancreatic cancer.

Orathecin has Orphan Drug status in both the U.S. and EU. The Orathecin European filing, or Marketing Authorization Application, contains data from a Phase III clinical program believed to be the largest program in pancreatic cancer ever initiated worldwide, with more than 1,000 patients. Orathecin has also been evaluated in numerous other cancers and blood disorders. SuperGen originally submitted its MAA for Orathecin to the EMEA on July 1, 2004.

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 Nipent® (pentostatin for injection); Mitomycin (generic brand of Mutamycin®); and SurfaceSafe® cleaner. For more information about SuperGen, please visit http://www.supergen.com.

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