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Boston Scientific Comments on U.K. Court Decision on Angiotech Patent

NATICK, Mass., Jan. 16 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Boston Scientific Corporation (NYSE: BSX) commented on a decision today by the U.K. Court of Appeal that affirmed an earlier ruling by a lower court to revoke the U.K. version of a European paclitaxel stent patent owned by Angiotech Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ: ANPI) (TSX: ANP). The European patent -- the Netherlands version of which was upheld by a Dutch court in May, 2006 -- remains valid and enforceable in all other designated European jurisdictions. The European patent is part of a worldwide patent portfolio exclusively licensed to Boston Scientific.

"While we are disappointed with the Court's decision, we are confident in the strength and validity of Angiotech's patent portfolio elsewhere around the world," said Boston Scientific spokesman Paul Donovan.

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