



## **Discovery Laboratories to Present at Bear Stearns 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Healthcare Conference**

**Doylestown, PA — September 9, 2004 — Discovery Laboratories, Inc. (Nasdaq: DSCO),** announced today that Robert J. Capetola, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of Discovery, will present an update on the Company's recent progress and upcoming milestones to the investment community during the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Healthcare Conference sponsored by Bear Stearns. The conference is being held in New York City at The Plaza. Dr. Capetola will be presenting on Tuesday, September 14, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time in the LeLouvre room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

The Discovery presentation will be webcast live and may be accessed at [http://customer.talkpoint.com/BEAR002/091304a\\_cy/default.asp?entity=discover](http://customer.talkpoint.com/BEAR002/091304a_cy/default.asp?entity=discover) or by visiting the Investor Relations section of the company website at [www.discoverylabs.com](http://www.discoverylabs.com). A replay of the webcast will be available on Discovery Laboratories' website for thirty days.

### **About Discovery Laboratories**

Discovery Laboratories, Inc. is a biopharmaceutical company developing its proprietary surfactant technology as Surfactant Replacement Therapies for respiratory diseases. Surfactants are compositions produced naturally in the lungs and essential for breathing. Discovery's technology produces an engineered version of natural human lung surfactant that is designed to closely mimic the essential properties of human lung surfactant. Discovery believes that through its technology, pulmonary surfactants have the potential, for the first time, to be developed into a series of respiratory therapies for critical care and other hospitalized patients where there are few or no approved therapies available.

Discovery has filed a New Drug Application with the FDA for clearance to market Surfaxin<sup>®</sup>, the Company's lead product, for the prevention of Respiratory Distress Syndrome in premature infants. Discovery is currently conducting a Phase 2 clinical trial for Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome in adults, Phase 3 and Phase 2 clinical trials for Meconium Aspiration Syndrome in full-term infants. With aerosolized surfactant formulations, Discovery is preparing to initiate a Phase 2 trial for asthma (development name DSC-104) and a Phase 2 trial for Respiratory Dysfunction in premature infants.

More information about Discovery is available on the Company's Web site at [www.DiscoveryLabs.com](http://www.DiscoveryLabs.com).

*To the extent that statements in this press release are not strictly historical, including statements as to business strategy, outlook, objectives, future milestones, plans, intentions, goals, future financial conditions, future collaboration agreements, the success of the Company's product development, events conditioned on stockholder or other approval, or otherwise as to future events, such statements are forward-looking, and are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The forward-looking statements contained in this release are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the statements made. Among the factors which could affect the Company's actual results and could cause results to*

*differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements contained herein are the risk that financial conditions may change, risks relating to the progress of the Company's research and development, the risk that the Company will not be able to raise additional capital or enter into additional collaboration agreements (including strategic alliances for our aerosol and Surfactant Replacement Therapies), risk of delay in the Company's preparation and filing of applications for regulatory approval, risk of delay in the FDA's or other health regulatory authorities' approval of any applications filed by the Company, risks that any such regulatory authority will not approve the marketing and sale of a drug product even after acceptance of an application filed by the Company for any such drug product, risks relating to the ability of the Company's third party contract manufacturers to provide the Company with adequate supplies of drug substance and drug products for completion of any of the Company's clinical studies, other risks relating to the lack of adequate supplies of drug substance and drug product for completion of any of the Company's clinical studies, and risks relating to the development of competing therapies and/or technologies by other companies. Companies in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries have suffered significant setbacks in advanced clinical trials, even after obtaining promising earlier trial results. Data obtained from tests are susceptible to varying interpretations, which may delay, limit or prevent regulatory approval. Those associated risks and others are further described in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission including the most recent reports on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K, and any amendments thereto.*

**Company Contacts:**

John G. Cooper, EVP and CFO  
Kori Beer, IR & Communications  
215-340-4699