



## **Discovery Labs to Present at the Needham & Company Fourth Annual Biotechnology Conference**

**Warrington, PA — May 18, 2005 — Discovery Laboratories, Inc. (Nasdaq: DSCO)** announced today that Robert J. Capetola, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of Discovery, will present at the Needham & Company Fourth Annual Biotechnology Conference at the New York Palace Hotel in New York City. The conference will be simultaneously webcast over the Internet.

**Dr. Capetola is scheduled to speak on Wednesday, May 25, 2005, at 9:00 AM Eastern Standard Time.** The presentation will be available through a live audio webcast at [www.wsw.com/webcast/needham11/dsco/](http://www.wsw.com/webcast/needham11/dsco/) or Discovery Laboratories' web site, [www.discoverylabs.com](http://www.discoverylabs.com). A replay of the audio webcast will be available on both websites for thirty days.

### **About Discovery Labs**

Discovery Laboratories, Inc. is a biopharmaceutical company developing its proprietary surfactant technology as Surfactant Replacement Therapies (SRT) for respiratory diseases. Surfactants are produced naturally in the lungs and are essential for breathing. Discovery's technology produces a precision-engineered surfactant that is designed to closely mimic the essential properties of natural 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 patients in the neonatal intensive care unit, critical care unit and other hospital settings, where there are few or no approved therapies available.

Discovery has received an Approvable Letter from the FDA for Surfaxin, the Company's lead product, for the prevention of Respiratory Distress Syndrome (RDS) in premature infants, and has filed a Marketing Authorization Application with the EMEA for clearance to market Surfaxin in Europe. Discovery is also conducting various clinical programs to address Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) in adults, Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia (BPD) in premature infants, Neonatal Respiratory Disorders in premature infants, severe asthma in adults, and Meconium Aspiration Syndrome (MAS) in full-term infants.

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

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*contained in these forward-looking statements are the risk that financial conditions may change, risks relating to the progress of Discovery's research and development, the risk that Discovery 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 that Discovery will not be able to develop a successful sales and marketing organization in a timely manner, if at all, risk that Discovery's internal sales and marketing organization will not succeed in developing market awareness of Discovery's products, risk that Discovery's internal sales and marketing organization will not be able to attract or maintain qualified personnel, risk of delay in the FDA's or other health regulatory authorities' approval of any applications filed by Discovery, 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 Discovery for any such drug product, risks relating to the ability of Discovery's third party contract manufacturers to provide Discovery with adequate supplies of drug substance and drug products for completion of any of Discovery's clinical studies, other risks relating to the lack of adequate supplies of drug substance and drug product for completion of any of Discovery'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 Discovery'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.*

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