

## Dutton Associates Announces Investment Opinion: A.P. Pharma Inc. Strong Speculative Buy Rating and \$3.00 Price Target Reiterated in Update by Dutton Associates

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EL DORADO HILLS, Calif., Feb 08, 2006 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Dutton Associates updates coverage of A.P. Pharma Inc. (Nasdaq:APPA) reiterating a Strong Speculative Buy rating and a 12-month price target of \$3.00. The 7-page report by Dutton senior analyst Stephen L. Handley is available at www.jmdutton.com as well as from First Call, Bloomberg, Zacks, Reuters, and other leading financial portals. A.P. Pharma is a specialty pharmaceutical company seeking to develop and commercialize products utilizing its proprietary polymer-based delivery systems. The Company recently announced that the pivotal trial protocol for APF530, a compound with a planned use for the prevention of acute and delayed nausea and vomiting following chemotherapy, has been submitted to the FDA for review prior to commencing the Phase III trial.

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