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DUSA RECEIVES FDA APPROVAL
OF LEVULAN® PDT FOR ACTINIC KERATOSES

Wilmington, Massachusetts, December 6, 1999 - DUSA Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ NMS: DUSA) announced today that its first products, the Levulan® Kerastick™ and the BLU-U™ brand light source, have been approved for use in the treatment of Actinic Keratoses (AKs) of the face and scalp.

AKs are common, precancerous skin lesions caused by chronic sun exposure. If left untreated, AKs may develop into squamous cell cancers of the skin.

Dr. Geoffrey Shulman, DUSA's President and CEO, stated "DUSA is delighted to have received FDA approval only 17 months after submitting its first NDA and PMA, confirming that DUSA's Levulan® Photodynamic Therapy is a safe and effective treatment for Actinic Keratoses of the face and scalp."

Dr. Shulman continued "DUSA's next steps include completion and filing of a PMA amendment for the commercial version of its BLU-U™, completion of manufacturing scale-up and inventory build-up to prepare for product launch. DUSA recently announced a marketing and development agreement with its new worldwide dermatology partner, Schering AG, and Schering's wholly-owned U.S. affiliate, Berlex Laboratories, Inc. Berlex is gearing up for the planned commercial launch in the United States during the second quarter of 2000. Both DUSA and Schering are excited about introducing the Levulan® Kerastick™ as an innovative new product for the treatment of this common, pre-cancerous condition. DUSA believes that Levulan® PDT, as a standardized, physician-administered therapy with selective healing and excellent cosmetic results, can become an important part of the AK therapeutic armamentarium."

Levulan® PDT is a two step treatment. First, the Levulan® solution is applied to the individual AKs using the Kerastick™ (aminolevulinic acid HCl). Patients are then advised to protect themselves from sun exposure until the next day, when the AKs are exposed to blue light using DUSA's BLU-U™ brand Blue Light Photodynamic Therapy Illuminator.

During treatment with the BLU-U™, patients experience a stinging or burning reaction in the treated areas. In general, this reaction improves immediately after treatment and ends within 24 hours. Reddening and swelling of the AK and surrounding skin may also occur. This effect is temporary, generally improves markedly by the end of the first week, and should completely resolve by 4 weeks after treatment. Other side effects of the treatment may include scaling, itching and skin color changes.