



## **Amicus Therapeutics Announces Issuance of New Plicera(TM) Composition of Matter Patent**

CRANBURY, N.J., March 25, 2009 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Amicus Therapeutics (Nasdaq: FOLD) today announced the issuance on March 10, 2009 of United States Patent No. 7,501,439, titled "Tartrate Salt of Isofagomine and Methods of Use." The patent covers the tartrate salt form of isofagomine, the active ingredient in the Company's investigational drug Plicera(TM) (afegostat tartrate), and its use for the treatment of Gaucher disease. The patent will expire in 2027.

John F. Crowley, President and CEO of Amicus, commented, "The issuance of this patent further strengthens our protection in the United States for Plicera in Gaucher and is one example of our ongoing efforts to establish a comprehensive intellectual property portfolio for our development programs and our pharmacological chaperone technology platform."

Plicera is currently being studied in an ongoing Phase 2 study in patients naive to enzyme replacement therapy. This six-month study is designed to evaluate safety and to demonstrate trends of efficacy, as measured by the standard endpoints in Gaucher disease. Amicus previously reported that enrollment has been completed for the study and the Company expects the results to be available in the third quarter of 2009.

Amicus is developing Plicera as part of a strategic collaboration with Shire Human Genetic Therapies (HGT), a business unit of Shire plc, to develop and commercialize Amicus' three lead pharmacological chaperone compounds for lysosomal storage disorders. Under the collaboration, Shire received commercial rights outside of the United States. Amicus retains all U.S. rights.

### About Amicus Therapeutics

Amicus Therapeutics is a biopharmaceutical company developing novel, oral therapeutics known as pharmacological chaperones for the treatment of a range of human genetic diseases. Pharmacological chaperone technology involves the use of small molecules that selectively bind to and stabilize proteins in cells, leading to improved protein folding and trafficking, and increased activity. Amicus is initially targeting lysosomal storage disorders, which are severe, chronic genetic diseases with unmet medical needs.

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