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**Springboard: New England 2004 Selects MaxThera, Inc to Present at
5th Annual Forum Showcasing Women-Led Ventures**
November 12 at Boston University School of Management

BOSTON, Mass., November 8, 2004—Springboard: New England today announced it has selected **MaxThera, Inc** to present at its venture forum scheduled for November 12, 2004 at Boston University. The fifth annual Springboard: New England Forum features women entrepreneurs presenting their business opportunities to more than 200 leading venture capital, corporate, angel investors and sponsors in the New England and New York region.

Co-hosted by the Center for Women & Enterprise and Springboard Enterprises, the Springboard: New England 2004 companies were culled from more than 120 applicants, ranging from seed to later-stage rounds and represent some of the most groundbreaking innovations in the life sciences, consumer and business products, software, and technology industries today.

“This year’s presenters are an incredibly talented and tenacious group, representing the true spirit and passion of entrepreneurship,” announced Donna Mullen Good, CEO of the Center for Women & Enterprise, the regional host of Springboard: New England 2004. “They have already proven themselves to be effective businesswomen, having brought their companies this far; I am confident that many of them will be successful in their quests to raise capital as a result of being a part of the Springboard forum and process”

“I am delighted to have this opportunity to present the exciting story of MaxThera to a group of very professional investors” said Dr Knap, President & CSO of MaxThera, Inc. “Springboard Venture Forum Series has a wonderful track record of helping entrepreneurs get started and I am especially privileged that I was selected to be one of the presenters”, she continued.

About MaxThera, Inc

MaxThera, Inc. is a start-up biopharmaceutical company engaged in the development of novel drugs to treat bacterial infections, especially those resistant to existing antibiotics. The company is acquiring a portfolio of potential products and uniquely characterized, genomics derived targets, including three validated targets that have led to the identification of four novel, proprietary chemical lead series. MaxThera’s strategy to limit resistance emergence is to combine the use of these *new* targets in biosynthetic pathways - essential for bacterial survival -with these *novel* structural classes of compounds. This combination of new targets with new compounds will reset the antibiotic resistance time clock that plagues fighting infectious diseases today.

About the Springboard Venture Forum Series:

The Springboard Venture Capital Forum Program is a national series designed to increase investments in women-led firms and facilitate new deal flow to investors. Nationally, Springboard companies have raised \$2 billion. Springboard targets women-led high-growth businesses in the technology and life sciences industries that seek seed, first or later stage funding. Women entrepreneurs must have a senior leadership position in the company and hold a significant equity stake in their company.

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