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### STATEMENT ON IDM PHARMA DECISION TO AMEND NDA

MARYLAND (July 23, 2007) - The Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA) commends IDM Pharma Inc. on their decision to provide the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) with additional data to support the already significant survival benefit of mifamurtide (L-MTP-PE) in their quest to give children and adolescents with non-metastatic osteosarcoma a new treatment option. As the leading organization dedicated to acting as an advocate for increased research to find new and better therapies to treat patients with sarcoma, we recognize that there are immense challenges for companies that are discovering and developing innovative new therapies, particularly for rare, terminal disorders, such as osteosarcoma. We believe that innovation – particularly when it pertains to the potential for extending the lives of people suffering from life-threatening diseases – cannot be quashed by an antiquated regulatory process. “Critically ill patients may benefit from the availability of cancer immunotherapies, such as mifamurtide,” said Mark Thornton, M.D., President of the SFA. “With IDM’s continuing commitment to investing in and advancing the regulatory process, we hope that the FDA shows a commitment by making this potentially life-saving treatment available to osteosarcoma patients.”

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#### ***Quick Facts About Sarcoma***

Sarcoma is a rare cancer in adults (1 percent of all adult cancers) but rather prevalent in children (about 20 percent of all childhood cancers). At any one time, 50,000 patients and their families are struggling with sarcoma. Every year, about 10,000 new cases are diagnosed, and about 5,000 people die from sarcoma.

#### ***About the Sarcoma Foundation of America***

The Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA), a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit charitable organization, is an advocate for increased research to find new and better therapies with which to treat patients with sarcoma. SFA raises its own funds to provide research grants to sarcoma researchers. SFA also interacts with public, private for-profit, and private non-profit organizations to raise awareness of the treatment needs of sarcoma patients. For more information, please visit [www.curesarcoma.org](http://www.curesarcoma.org).