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**SOMAXON PHARMACEUTICALS TO REPORT SECOND QUARTER 2010 RESULTS  
AND CONDUCT CONFERENCE CALL ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11**

**SAN DIEGO, CA – August 4, 2010** – Somaxon Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ: SOMX), a specialty pharmaceutical company, today announced that it will release its second quarter 2010 financial results on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 after the closing of the U.S. financial markets. The Company will also conduct a conference call that same afternoon at 4:30 p.m. ET (1:30 p.m. PT) to discuss results and highlights of the second quarter 2010.

The conference call will be available to interested parties through a live audio Internet broadcast at <http://investors.somaxon.com/eventdetail.cfm>. The call will also be archived and accessible at this site for approximately two weeks. Alternatively, callers may participate in the conference call by dialing (877) 941-6009 (domestic) or (480) 629-9770 (international), and request to be connected to the “Somaxon Pharmaceuticals Second Quarter Earnings Conference Call.” A telephonic replay will be available for approximately one week following the conclusion of the call by dialing (800) 406-7325 (domestic) or (303) 590-3030 (international), and entering passcode 4330018.

**About Somaxon Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

Headquartered in San Diego, CA, Somaxon Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on the in-licensing, development and commercialization of proprietary branded pharmaceutical products and of late-stage product candidates for the treatment of diseases and disorders in the central nervous system therapeutic area. Somaxon’s product Silenor<sup>®</sup> (doxepin) has been approved by the FDA for the treatment of insomnia characterized by difficulty with sleep maintenance.

For more information, please visit the company’s web site at [www.somaxon.com](http://www.somaxon.com).

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