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## **Asteres Inc. Awarded Landmark Patent for the Delivery of Finished Prescriptions to Consumers**

San Diego, CA – October 24, 2006 - Asteres Inc., the industry's first provider of automated prescription pickup machines for retail pharmacy, announced today that the United States Patent and Trademark Office has issued Asteres its first patent. Asteres' ScriptCenter® is the first technology operating in the retail market today covered by a patent focused on the delivery of finished prescriptions to consumers.

The Asteres patent contains 94 separate claims covering various methods for delivering finished prescriptions directly to consumers, including claims covering its high volume, auto-dispensing technology, ScriptCenter®. Asteres intends to pursue aggressively additional intellectual property development and protection, including numerous patent applications pending in the U.S. and worldwide.

"We are very pleased to be awarded this breakthrough patent. Next to the employees, our intellectual property is our greatest asset." says John Beane, Asteres' Co-founder and Vice President of Strategic Product Development. "In an emerging market, it is critical to be the first mover and have substantiated patent claims with freedom to operate. This patent cements Asteres' position as the market maker and market leader."

Asteres Inc. ([www.asteres.com](http://www.asteres.com)) develops secure self-service kiosks for the storage and delivery of consumer products. Asteres' premier product is ScriptCenter®, the first prescription pickup kiosk for retail pharmacy that allows consumers to pickup and pay for their prescriptions, even when the pharmacy is closed.

This press release contains forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ from those set forth in the forward-looking statements.