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**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a - 16 OR 15d - 16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of September, 2005

SkyePharma PLC

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive office)

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For Immediate Release

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FORADIL® CERTIHALER LAUNCHED IN GERMANY

LONDON, UK, 7 September 2005 -- SkyePharma PLC (Nasdaq: SKYE; LSE: SKP) announces today (Novartis) has launched FORADIL® CERTIHALER (formoterol fumarate inhalation powder) on the German and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). The German pharmaceutical regulatory authority approved FORADIL® CERTIHALER in June. FORADIL® CERTIHALER is a trademark of Novartis. FORADIL® CERTIHALER, co-developed by SkyePharma and Novartis, was submitted for regulatory review in Europe on a country-by-country basis beginning in December 2004 in Switzerland, Austria, Finland, Portugal and the Netherlands as well as in Germany. It has also been approved in Latin America and in South Africa. FORADIL® CERTIHALER was also submitted for regulatory review in the United States. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has assessed the product as "approvable" and Novartis has provided the data that were requested. The US FORADIL® franchise has been licensed by Novartis to Schering-Plough Corporation.

Michael Ashton, SkyePharma's Chief Executive Officer, commented: "We are delighted that FORADIL® CERTIHALER is available in the market in Germany, and we expect patients to appreciate the design features in this sophisticated inhaler."

FORADIL® CERTIHALER embodies two proprietary SkyePharma technologies, the SKYEHALER, a novel breath-actuated inhaler ("MDDPI") device, and SKYEPROTECT, a powder formulation that protects the drug from moisture, ensuring stability and dose-to-dose reproducibility.

Formoterol, the active ingredient in FORADIL® CERTIHALER, is a long-acting beta2-agonist bronchodilator with a rapid time of action (within 5 minutes) with a long-lasting bronchodilation effect for 12 hours. This provides relief for patients who suffer from asthma and COPD. The breath-actuated FORADIL® CERTIHALER dry-powder inhaler provides patients the convenience of 30 days of therapy in a single inhaler. This evolution of the FORADIL® franchise is a valuable and convenient option for asthma and COPD patients who require maintenance therapy with a long-acting beta2-agonist.

SkyePharma will earn a royalty on future sales of FORADIL® CERTIHALER in all markets. SkyePharma is a subsidiary of Novartis. FORADIL® CERTIHALER .

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Notes to Editors

SkyePharma PLC develops pharmaceutical products benefiting from world-leading drug delivery technologies and more effective drug formulations. There are now eleven approved and marketed products incorporating the areas of oral, injectable, inhaled and topical delivery, supported by advanced solubilisation technologies. For more information, visit www.skyepharma.com.

Certain statements in this news release are forward-looking statements and are made in reliance upon the safe harbor provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Act of 1995. Although SkyePharma believes that the expectations expressed in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, it can give no assurance that these expectations will materialize. Because of the inherent risks and uncertainties, actual results may vary significantly from those expressed or implied in these forward-looking statements based upon a number of factors, which are described in SkyePharma's 20-F and other documents on file with the SEC. These factors may cause differences between actual results and those implied by the forward-looking statements contained herein, without limitation, risks related to the development of new products, risks related to obtaining regulatory approval for existing, new or expanded indications of existing and new products, risks related to SkyePharma's ability to commercialize on a large scale or at all, risks related to SkyePharma's and its marketing partners' ability to maintain or expand market share in the face of changes in customer requirements, competition and regulatory compliance, the risk of product liability claims, risks related to the ownership and management of SkyePharma, risks related to SkyePharma's ability to manage growth. SkyePharma undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this release.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SkyePharma PLC

By: /s/ Douglas Parkhill

Name: Douglas Parkhill

Title: Company Secretary

Date: September 7, 2005