

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
March 22, 2010**

**ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Athersys, Inc.

File No. 001-33876- CF#24883

Athersys, Inc. submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting an extension of a prior grant of confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form 8-K filed on June 14, 2007.

Based on representations by Athersys, Inc. that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit will not be released to the public for the time period specified:

Exhibit 10.35 through June 14, 2013

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

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