



October 19, 2006

Mr. Jeffrey Reidler  
Assistant Director, Division of Corporation Finance  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Mail Stop 6010  
Washington, D.C. 20549-6010

**Re: Catalyst Pharmaceutical Partners, Inc.  
Registration Statement on Form S-1  
File No. 333-136039**

Dear Mr. Reidler:

In connection with the proposed offering of common stock of Catalyst Pharmaceutical Partners, Inc. contemplated by the above-captioned Registration Statement, we wish to advise you that we, as representatives of the underwriters, hereby join with Catalyst Pharmaceutical Partners' request that the effective date of the above-captioned Registration Statement be accelerated so that the same will become effective on October 23, 2006 at 2:00 P.M., New York City time or as soon as practicable thereafter.

The following is supplemental information supplied under Rule 418(a)(7) and Rule 460 under the Securities Act of 1933:

- (i) Date of preliminary prospectus: October 4, 2006.
- (ii) Dates of distribution: October 4, 2006 — October 23, 2006
- (iii) Number of prospective underwriters and dealers to whom the preliminary prospectus was furnished: 2
- (iv) Number of preliminary prospectuses furnished to others: none
- (v) Number of prospectuses so distributed: approximately 2,200
- (vi) Steps taken to comply with Rule 15c2-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934: Included in Master Agreement Among Underwriters of First Albany Capital Inc.

Very truly yours,

FIRST ALBANY CAPITAL INC.  
STIFEL NICOLAUS & COMPANY, INCORPORATED

By: FIRST ALBANY CAPITAL INC.

By: /s/ J. Scott Coburn

Name: J. Scott Coburn

Title: Managing Director