

Sincere Pharmaceutical Group

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 May 2010

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**Simcere Pharmaceutical Group
(Translation of registrant's name into English)**

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People's Republic of China
(Address of principal executive offices)**

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SIGNATURE

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.

Simcere Pharmaceutical Group

By: /s/ Zhigang Zhao

Name: Zhigang Zhao

Title: Chief Financial Officer

DATE: May 18, 2010

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Exhibit 99.1

**SIMCERE PHARMACEUTICAL GROUP REPORTS PRELIMINARY UNAUDITED FIRST QUARTER
2010 RESULTS**

NANJING, CHINA, May 18, 2010 Sincere Pharmaceutical Group (Sincere or the Company) (NYSE: SCR), a leading pharmaceutical company specializing in the development, manufacturing, and marketing of branded generic and proprietary pharmaceuticals in China, today reported preliminary unaudited financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2010.

Highlights

- ² **Total revenue** was RMB458.7 million (US\$67.2 million) for the first quarter of 2010, compared to RMB442.5 million for the same period in 2009, representing year-over-year growth of 3.7%.
- ² **Gross margin** for the first quarter of 2010 decreased to 79.7% compared to 82.5% for the same period in 2009.
- ² **Income from operations** was RMB30.9 million (US\$4.5 million) for the first quarter of 2010, a decrease of 49.5% from RMB61.1 million for the same period in 2009.
- ² **Net income attributable to Sincere** was RMB20.5 million (US\$3.0 million) for the first quarter of 2010, a decrease of 57.5% from RMB48.2 million for the same period in 2009.

While the first quarter remained challenging, we saw solid revenue growth for our edaravone products and were encouraged by the continuing sales recovery of Endu, said Mr. Jinsheng Ren, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Sincere Pharmaceutical Group. We believe that we will see additional benefits arising from the restructuring of our sales force for the remainder of 2010.

Recently we were pleased to announce that Sincere's diosmectite passed EU-GMP inspection and that Endu successfully completed the Phase IV clinical study which verified the positive results of the Phase III study regarding Endu's safety and efficacy, Mr. Ren continued. Sincere's strategic cardiovascular portfolio also continues to grow with our recently launched cholesterol lowering drug Rosuvastatin and hypertension drug Levamlodipine both performing well. We are confident that these developments should help position Sincere for growth over the mid-to-long-term.

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2010 First Quarter Financial Results

Total revenue for the first quarter of 2010 was RMB458.7 million (US\$67.2 million), compared to RMB442.5 million for the same period in 2009, representing a year-over-year growth of 3.7%.

Revenue from edaravone injection products under the brand names Bicun and Yidasheng increased by 8.5% to RMB173.2 million (US\$25.4 million) for the first quarter of 2010 from RMB159.6 million for the same period in 2009. Sales of edaravone injection products constituted 37.8% of the Company's product revenue for the first quarter of 2010.

Revenue from Endu, the Company's patented anti-cancer biotech product, increased by 2.3% to RMB37.4 million (US\$5.5 million) in the first quarter of 2010 from RMB36.5 million for the same period in 2009. Sales of Endu constituted 8.2% of the Company's product revenue for the first quarter of 2010.

Revenue from Sinofuan, a 5-FU sustained release implant for the treatment of cancer, increased by 1.0% to RMB25.3 million (US\$3.7 million) for the first quarter of 2010 from RMB25.1 million for the same period in 2009. Sales of Sinofuan constituted 5.5% of the Company's product revenue for the first quarter of 2010.

Revenue from other first-to-market products including Jiebaishu, a nedaplatin product, and Anxin, a biapenem injection, increased by 12.7% to RMB8.7 million (US\$1.3 million) from RMB7.7 million for the same period in 2009. Sale of other first-to-market products constituted 1.9% of the Company's product revenue for the first quarter of 2010.

Revenue from other branded generic products including Zailin and Yingtaiqing decreased by 10.4% to RMB186.2 million (US\$27.3 million) from RMB207.7 million for the same period in 2009. Sales of other branded generic products constituted 40.7% of the Company's product revenue for the first quarter of 2010.

Gross margin for the first quarter of 2010 decreased to 79.7% compared to 82.5% for the same period in 2009. The decrease was primarily due to a decline in other revenue from RMB5.8 million for the first quarter of 2009 to RMB1.0 million (US\$0.2 million) for this quarter as well as lower gross margin contribution from Jiangsu Yanshen. Other revenue was primarily comprised of government subsidies and VAT refund.

Research and development expenses for the first quarter of 2010 totaled RMB30.6 million (US\$4.5 million) which represented an increase of 22.1% from RMB25.0 million for the same period in 2009. This increase was due primarily to the increased expenditure on on-going research and development projects and increased salary expenses as a result of an increase in research and development headcount. As a percentage of total revenue, research and development expenses increased to 6.7% for the first quarter of 2010 from 5.7% for the same period in 2009.

Sales, marketing and distribution expenses for the first quarter of 2010 were RMB236.9 million (US\$34.7 million), which represented an increase of 7.8% from RMB219.8 million for the same period in 2009. As a percentage of total revenue, sales, marketing and distribution expenses increased to 51.6% for the first quarter of 2010 from 49.7% for the same period in 2009. This increase was due primarily to increased spending on promotional activities for products such as Bicun, Endu, Anxin and Yingtaiqing and increased expenses associated with market research.

General and administrative expenses were RMB67.2 million (US\$9.9 million) for the first quarter of 2010, which represented an increase of 13.4% from RMB59.3 million for the same period in 2009. As a percentage of total revenue, general and administrative expenses increased to 14.7% for the first quarter of 2010 from 13.4% for the same period in 2009.

Share-based compensation expenses, which were allocated to research and development expenses, sales, marketing and distribution expenses, and general and administrative expenses, based on the nature of the work that the relevant employee was assigned to perform, totaled RMB8.0 million (US\$1.2 million) for the first quarter of 2010. Share-based compensation expenses for the first quarter of 2009 were RMB6.3 million.

Income from operations was RMB30.9 million (US\$4.5 million) for the first quarter of 2010, which represented a decrease of 49.5% from RMB61.1 million for the same period in 2009.

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Income tax expense for the first quarter of 2010 was RMB1.3 million (US\$0.2 million), which was primarily comprised of the tax expense of RMB7.9 million (US\$1.2 million) relating to our profitable subsidiaries. This amount was offset by recognition of tax credits of RMB5.8 million (US\$0.8 million) relating to tax losses of certain subsidiaries.

Net income attributable to Simcere was RMB20.5 million (US\$3.0 million) for the first quarter of 2010, compared to RMB48.2 million for the same period in 2009. Net margin, representing net income divided by total revenue, was 4.5% for the first quarter of 2010, compared to 10.9% for the first quarter of 2009.

Basic and diluted earnings per American Depository Share (ADS) for the first quarter of 2010 were RMB0.37 (US\$0.05) and RMB0.36 (US\$0.05), respectively. One ADS represents two ordinary shares of the Company. As of March 31, 2010, the Company had **cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash** of RMB332.4 million (US\$48.7 million), compared to RMB458.1 million as of December 31, 2009.

Financial Information

The preliminary unaudited condensed consolidated statements of income and balance sheets accompanying this press release have been prepared by management using U.S. GAAP. This preliminary financial information is not intended to fully comply with U.S. GAAP because it does not present all of the financial information and disclosures required by U.S. GAAP.

The preliminary unaudited financial information is subject to the completion of the annual impairment review of goodwill and intangible assets and the purchase price allocation in respect of the Company's acquisitions of Yanshen Biological Technology Stock Co., Ltd. (Jiangsu Yanshen) in 2009 and is subject to change. Specifically, in the preliminary unaudited condensed consolidated information of income and balance sheets accompanying this press release, goodwill, intangible assets and other assets and liabilities recorded as a result of the Jiangsu Yanshen acquisition as of December 31, 2009 and March 31, 2010, respectively, are subject to change. These balances also do not reflect any potential adjustments or impairment charges, if any, and the Company is currently evaluating the impact of the events occurred in 2009 and 2010 since acquisition. Readers and investors are strongly advised to read all public announcements the Company has made in respect of Jiangsu Yanshen in 2009 and 2010.

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Safe Harbor Statement

This press release contains forward-looking statements. These statements constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and as defined in the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements can be identified by terminology such as anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, forecast, intend, may, plan, project, predict, should, expressions. In particular, the quotations from management in this press release contain forward-looking statements. These forward looking statements are based upon management's current views and expectations with respect to future events and are not a guarantee of future performance. Furthermore, these statements are, by their nature, subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual performance and results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements as a result of a number of factors. Further information regarding these and other risks is included in Simcere's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission at www.sec.gov. Simcere does not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statement, except as required under applicable law.

Conference Call

Simcere Pharmaceutical Group will host a conference call to discuss the Company's results for the first quarter of 2010 on Tuesday, May 18, at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Time (Tuesday, May 18 at 8:00 p.m. Beijing/Hong Kong time). The management team will be on the call to discuss the results for first quarter of 2009 and to answer questions.

To access the conference call, please dial:

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| United States toll-free dial-in number: | +1 866 730 5769 |
| United States toll/International dial-in number: | +1 857 350 1593 |
| South China toll-free/China Telecom dial-in number: | +86 10 800 130 0399 |
| North China toll-free/China Telecom dial-in number: | +86 10 800 152 1490 |
| South China toll-free/China Netcom dial-in number: | +86 10 800 852 1490 |
| Hong Kong dial-in number: | +852 3002 1672 |

Please ask to be connected to Simcere's Q1 2010 earnings call and provide the following passcode: 88084854. Simcere will also broadcast a live audio webcast of the conference call. The broadcast will be available by visiting the Investor Relations section of the Company's web site at www.simcere.com.

Following the earnings conference call, an archive of the call will be available by dialing:

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| United States toll-free dial-in number: | +1 888 286 8010 |
| United States toll/International dial-in number: | +1 617 801 6888 |

The passcode for replay participants is: 45084556. The telephone replay also will be archived on the Investor Relations section of the Company's web site for seven days following the earnings announcement.

About Simcere Pharmaceutical Group

Simcere Pharmaceutical Group (NYSE:SCR, Simcere) is a leading pharmaceutical company specializing in the development, manufacturing, and marketing of branded generic and proprietary pharmaceuticals in China. In recent years, Simcere has been focusing its strategy on the development of innovative pharmaceuticals and first-to-market generics, and has introduced an innovative anti-cancer medication Endu, a first-to-market medication Sinofuan, and first-to-market generics such as Bicun and Anxin. Simcere manufactures and sells antibiotics, anti-cancer medication, stroke management medication and biopharmaceutical drugs such as vaccines. Simcere concentrates its research and development efforts on the treatment of diseases with high incidence and/or mortality rates and for which there is a clear demand for more effective pharmacotherapy such as cancer, strokes, orthopaedics and infectious diseases. For more information about Simcere Pharmaceutical Group, please visit www.simcere.com.

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SIMCERE PHARMACEUTICAL GROUP
PRELIMINARY UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(AMOUNTS EXPRESSED IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE AND ADS DATA)

| | Three months ended March 31, | | |
|--|------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| | 2009 | 2010 | 2010 |
| | RMB | RMB | USD |
| Product revenue | 436,633 | 457,648 | 67,047 |
| Other revenue | 5,873 | 1,021 | 150 |
| Total revenue | 442,506 | 458,669 | 67,197 |
| Cost of materials and production | (77,320) | (93,096) | (13,639) |
| Gross profit | 365,186 | 365,573 | 53,558 |
| Operating expenses: | | | |
| Research and development expenses | (25,047) | (30,592) | (4,482) |
| Sales, marketing and distribution expenses | (219,779) | (236,879) | (34,704) |
| General and administrative expenses | (59,288) | (67,240) | (9,851) |
| Income from operations | 61,072 | 30,862 | 4,521 |
| Interest income | 2,569 | 1,296 | 190 |
| Interest expense | (2,503) | (4,965) | (727) |
| Foreign currency exchange (losses)/gains | (84) | 67 | 10 |
| Equity in losses of equity method affiliated companies | | (4,450) | (652) |
| Earnings before income taxes | 61,054 | 22,810 | 3,342 |
| Income tax expense | (7,592) | (1,316) | (193) |
| Net income | 53,462 | 21,494 | 3,149 |
| Less: Net income attributable to the noncontrolling interest | (5,288) | (1,012) | (148) |
| Net income attributable to Simcere | 48,174 | 20,482 | 3,001 |
| Earnings per share attributable to Simcere: | | | |
| Basic | 0.40 | 0.19 | 0.03 |
| Diluted | 0.40 | 0.18 | 0.03 |
| Earnings per ADS attributable to Simcere: | | | |
| Basic | 0.80 | 0.37 | 0.05 |

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| Diluted | 0.80 | 0.36 | 0.05 |
| Weighted average number of common shares: | | | |
| Basic | 120,624,814 | 110,031,322 | 110,031,322 |
| Diluted | 120,624,814 | 112,802,481 | 112,802,481 |
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SIMCERE PHARMACEUTICAL GROUP
PRELIMINARY UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(AMOUNTS EXPRESSED IN THOUSANDS)

| | December 31, 2009 RMB | March 31, 2010 RMB | March 31, 2010 USD |
|---|--|---|---|
| Assets | | | |
| <i>Current assets</i> | | | |
| Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash | 458,145 | 332,384 | 48,695 |
| Accounts and bills receivables, net | 704,321 | 633,415 | 92,797 |
| Inventories | 106,655 | 103,872 | 15,218 |
| Other current assets | 102,743 | 101,663 | 14,894 |
| Total current assets | 1,371,864 | 1,171,334 | 171,604 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 744,713 | 763,326 | 111,830 |
| Land use rights | 146,158 | 145,357 | 21,295 |
| Goodwill and intangible assets, net | 949,517 | 929,349 | 136,152 |
| Investments in and advance to affiliated companies | 121,865 | 117,671 | 17,239 |
| Other assets | 58,035 | 61,657 | 9,034 |
| Total assets | 3,392,152 | 3,188,694 | 467,154 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| <i>Current liabilities</i> | | | |
| Short-term borrowings and current installments of long-term debts | 76,000 | 36,000 | 5,274 |
| Accounts payables | 41,439 | 42,055 | 6,161 |
| Bills payables | 110,810 | 386 | 57 |
| Other payables and accrued liabilities | 464,616 | 421,558 | 61,759 |
| Total current liabilities | 692,865 | 499,999 | 73,251 |
| Long-term debts, excluding current installments | 122,685 | 122,851 | 17,998 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 147,782 | 142,458 | 20,871 |
| Other liabilities | 21,561 | 21,819 | 3,197 |
| Total liabilities | 984,893 | 787,127 | 115,317 |
| Equity | | | |
| <i>Simcere shareholders' equity</i> | | | |
| Ordinary shares at par | 8,716 | 8,640 | 1,266 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 1,170,687 | 1,139,043 | 166,873 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (43,886) | (39,352) | (5,765) |
| Retained earnings | 940,938 | 961,420 | 140,851 |
| Total Simcere shareholders' equity | 2,076,455 | 2,069,751 | 303,225 |
| Noncontrolling interest | 330,804 | 331,816 | 48,612 |
| Total equity | 2,407,259 | 2,401,567 | 351,837 |

Commitments and contingencies

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|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Total liabilities and equity | 3,392,152 | 3,188,694 | 467,154 |
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Note: The conversions of Renminbi (RMB) into United States dollars (USD) as at the reporting dates are based on the noon buying rate of USD1.00 = RMB6.8258 on March 31, 2010 as set forth in the H. 10 statistical release of the Federal Reserve Board. No representation is intended to imply that the RMB amounts could have been, or could be, converted, realized or settled into U.S. dollars at that rate on the reporting dates.

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