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[SIGA TECHNOLOGIES, INC. LETTERHEAD]

September , 2006

To the Stockholders of SIGA Technologies, Inc.:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of SIGA Technologies, Inc. (“SIGA,” or the “Company”), I cordially invite you to attend a special meeting of stockholders (the “Special Meeting”) of SIGA. The formal notice of the Special Meeting appears after this letter.

You may already be aware that, on June 8, 2006, SIGA entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the “Merger Agreement”) among SIGA, SIGA Acquisition Corp. (“SIGA Acquisition”), a newly formed, wholly-owned subsidiary of SIGA, and PharmAthene, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“PharmAthene”). Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, SIGA Acquisition will merge with and into PharmAthene (the “Merger”), with PharmAthene surviving the Merger. The stockholders of PharmAthene will receive shares of common stock of SIGA and warrants to purchase shares of common stock of SIGA as consideration for their shares of PharmAthene capital stock. At the time of the closing of the Merger, all but one of SIGA’s then current directors, Mr. Paul G. Savas, will resign from the Board of Directors, and immediately following the closing of the Merger six individuals, five of whom will be designated by the former stockholders of PharmAthene, will be appointed by Mr. Savas to fill the vacancies created by such resignations. The final board member will be designated by certain current holders of SIGA capital stock in accordance with a stockholders agreement.

A condition to consummation of the Merger is that SIGA also complete, simultaneously with the closing of the Merger, a private offering of its equity securities to certain investors (the “PIPE”). Current PharmAthene stockholders will also convert approximately \$11.8 million of bridge financing into the same securities offered in the PIPE. The purpose of the PIPE is to provide the combined company with necessary working capital following the Merger.

The signing of the Merger Agreement by SIGA and PharmAthene was the culmination of a long and thorough exploratory and mutual due diligence process that began in 2004. The Board of Directors of SIGA, after taking into consideration many factors, including the findings of the due diligence team and management of SIGA, the receipt of a fairness opinion from Sutter Securities Incorporated, and their own detailed understanding of the proposed transaction and the current business environment, unanimously decided to approve the Merger Agreement and the

Merger. The Board of Directors believes that the Merger offers the best opportunity at the present time to return value on the investment that SIGA's stockholders have made in the Company. Subject to satisfaction of certain closing conditions, and to the receipt of stockholder approval of the proposals described below and in the Proxy Statement accompanying this letter, we currently expect the Merger to be completed by _____, 2006.

Although the proposals presented in this proxy statement are discussed and will be voted upon individually, and require stockholder approval for different reasons, as described herein, stockholders should consider all of the proposals together as being presented for the purpose of effectuating the Merger. Consequently, if one or more of the separate proposals is not approved by SIGA's stockholders, it is unlikely that the Merger will be consummated, even if the remainder of the proposals have been approved. Moreover, if the issuance of SIGA securities in the Merger, or the issuance of SIGA securities in connection with the PIPE, is not approved by SIGA's stockholders, other proposals presented herein that may have been approved by the stockholders (for example, the increase of shares authorized under SIGA's stock option plan and the reverse stock split) may not be implemented by SIGA, as they are, among other things, contingent upon the consummation of the Merger. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Boards of Directors of SIGA and PharmAthene have the authority to waive their respective conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement, including the completion of the PIPE, and if they do so, the Merger may be consummated even if, in the absence of such a waiver, a condition or conditions precedent contained in the Merger Agreement would not have been satisfied (and approval of the stockholders of SIGA would not be resolicited). In addition, the implementation of the reverse stock split, if approved, will be in the discretion of the Board of Directors.

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THE PROPOSALS. At the Special Meeting, you will be asked to consider the following proposals:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION TO INCREASE AUTHORIZED CAPITAL STOCK AND TO CHANGE CORPORATE NAME. We do not, at present, have sufficient authorized capital stock to issue all of the shares that are required to be issued in the Merger or pursuant to the PIPE. At the Special Meeting, you will be asked to consider and approve an amendment to our certificate of incorporation to increase our authorized capital stock. That amendment would authorize the Company to issue 310,000,000 shares of capital stock in the aggregate, divided into 300,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$.0001 per share, and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$.0001 per share. In addition, you will be asked to consider and approve an amendment to our certificate of incorporation to change our corporate name to PharmAthene, Inc. upon completion of the Merger.

APPROVAL OF FIVE ALTERNATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION TO EFFECT A REVERSE STOCK SPLIT. SIGA common stock is quoted on the Nasdaq Capital Market ("NASDAQ") and is currently subject to NASDAQ's issuer requirements for continued inclusion in the NASDAQ system. Nevertheless, because current PharmAthene stockholders will own a majority of the shares of SIGA's common stock upon completion of the Merger, a change of control of SIGA will be deemed to have occurred at that time, and the combined company will, as a consequence of SIGA having undergone a change of control, become subject to NASDAQ's more stringent requirements for an initial listing, rather than continued listing, of its stock. NASDAQ requires, in connection with an initial listing, that the trading price of an issuer's stock be not less than \$4 per share. At _____, 2006, SIGA's common stock was trading at \$ _____ per share. Our Board of Directors believes that the most efficient way to increase the trading price of the common stock of the combined company to a level that will comply with NASDAQ's initial listing requirements is the implementation of a reverse stock split. You will, therefore, be asked to consider and approve a proposal to give the Board of Directors the authority, in its discretion, to amend the certificate of incorporation to effect a reverse stock split after the consummation of the Merger and, if completed, the PIPE.

APPROVAL OF ISSUANCE OF SHARES AND WARRANTS TO PURCHASE SHARES OF COMMON STOCK IN THE MERGER. NASDAQ rules require that a company obtain stockholder approval of the issuance of securities in a transaction that would, directly or indirectly, result in a change of control of such company. Consummation of the Merger will result in a change of control of SIGA. You will, therefore, be asked to consider and approve the issuance of our shares and warrants to purchase shares of common stock to the stockholders of PharmAthene in the Merger.

APPROVAL OF ISSUANCE OF SECURITIES IN THE PIPE AND APPROVAL OF ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN OF SUCH SECURITIES TO AFFILIATES. NASDAQ rules require a company to obtain stockholder approval of the issuance of its shares in a transaction, other than a public offering, in which the company proposes to issue a number of shares of its common stock that would equal or exceed 20% of the company's then issued and outstanding shares of common stock, when such shares are being sold at a discount from market price. Although the number of shares that we issue and sell in the PIPE will depend on market conditions prevailing at the time, it is possible that we may sell a number of shares that would exceed 20% of our issued and outstanding shares of common stock. It is likely that such shares will be sold at a discount from the market price. In addition, investors in the PIPE will likely receive warrants to purchase SIGA common stock. As a result of the additional value attributed to the warrants, we believe that NASDAQ could deem the issuance of the shares and warrants together in the PIPE to be at a discount from the market value of SIGA shares, even if the shares themselves are not sold at a discount. Moreover, it is possible that the number of securities we issue in the PIPE may result in another change of control of SIGA as a result of the significant dilution of SIGA's current stockholders that will occur. Under NASDAQ rules, an issuance which may give rise to a change in control requires stockholder approval. Consequently, at the Special Meeting, you will be asked to consider a proposal to approve the issuance by SIGA of its common stock and warrants to purchase shares of common stock in the PIPE.

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NASDAQ rules require stockholder approval of arrangements pursuant to which officers and directors of a company may be issued stock of the company. Since current PharmAthene stockholders are expected to participate in the PIPE, and controlling persons of such stockholders are expected to become directors of SIGA upon consummation of the Merger, you will be asked to consider a proposal to approve the issuance by SIGA of securities to such affiliates in the PIPE.

AMENDMENT TO STOCK OPTION PLAN. At the Special Meeting, you will be asked to consider and approve an amendment to our stock option plan to increase the number of authorized shares reserved for issuance under the plan from 11,000,000 to 25,250,000 shares. Stockholder approval of this plan amendment is also required under NASDAQ rules. The Merger Agreement contemplates that currently outstanding options to purchase shares of common stock of PharmAthene will be converted into options to purchase shares of SIGA common stock. The proposed increase in the number of shares reserved for issuance under the plan is necessary to implement this aspect of the Merger.

APPROVAL OF ADJOURNMENT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING. At the Special Meeting, you may be asked to consider and approve a proposal to adjourn the Special Meeting, if necessary and appropriate, for the purpose of soliciting additional proxies if there are not sufficient votes for the foregoing proposals.

Our Board of Directors unanimously approved each of the proposals and recommends that you vote FOR the approval of each of them.

THE SPECIAL MEETING. All stockholders are invited to attend the Special Meeting in person. The approval of each of the amendments to our certificate of incorporation requires the affirmative vote of a majority of outstanding shares of capital stock of SIGA. The approval of the issuance of SIGA securities in the Merger and the PIPE, the

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approval of the issuance of SIGA securities in the PIPE to certain affiliates of SIGA, the approval of the amendment to our stock option plan, and the proposal to adjourn the Special Meeting to solicit additional proxies if necessary and appropriate, all require the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Special Meeting, in person or by proxy.

Whether or not you expect to attend the Special Meeting in person, please complete, sign and promptly return the enclosed proxy card in the enclosed envelope. You may revoke your proxy at any time before it has been voted, and if you attend the meeting, you may vote in person even if you have previously returned your proxy card.

We are pleased to provide SIGA stockholders with information to evaluate the proposals. Included in this package are the following documents:

- Proxy statement
- Proxy card
- Statement A
- Merger Agreement (Annex A)
- Voting Agreement (Annex B)
- Fairness Opinion (Annex C)
- Form of Proposed Amendments to current SIGA Technologies, Inc. certificate of incorporation (Annex D)
- Form of Proposed Amendment to SIGA stock option plan (Annex E)
- Form of PIPE Purchase Agreement (Annex F)
- Form of Registration Rights Agreement (Annex G)
- Form of Lock-up Agreement (Annex H)

Stockholders are urged to review carefully the information contained in the accompanying proxy statement. Your interest and support in the affairs of SIGA are appreciated. We are very excited about this opportunity for SIGA, and we look forward to the meeting of our stockholders.

Sincerely,

Donald G. Drapkin
Chairman of the Board

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SIGA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Be Held On [], 2006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting (the “Special Meeting”) of stockholders of SIGA Technologies, Inc. (“SIGA”) will be held at the offices of Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, 1177 Avenue of the Americas,¹29 Floor, New York, New York 10036, on [], 2006 at [] EDT, for the following purposes:

1. To consider and vote upon an amendment to the certificate of incorporation of SIGA to increase the number of authorized shares of capital stock to 310,000,000, divided into 300,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$.0001 per share, and 10,000,000 shares of

preferred stock, par value \$.0001 per share.

2. To consider and vote upon an amendment to the certificate of incorporation of SIGA to change the name of the Company to PharmAthene, Inc.
3. To consider and vote upon five alternative amendments to the certificate of incorporation of SIGA, each of which would effect a reverse stock split of the common stock of the combined company at a ratio of between 1-for-3 and 1-for-7.
4. To consider and vote upon a proposal to issue up to 87,234,130 shares of SIGA common stock and warrants to purchase up to 5,817,461 shares of SIGA common stock to the stockholders of PharmAthene, Inc. as merger consideration for the merger of a wholly-owned subsidiary of SIGA into PharmAthene, Inc.
5. To consider and vote upon a proposal to issue shares of SIGA common stock, together with warrants to purchase shares of SIGA common stock, in a private offering to certain investors (the ‘‘PIPE’’).
6. To consider and vote upon a proposal to issue shares of SIGA common stock and warrants to purchase shares of SIGA common stock to certain investors whom we expect will be considered affiliates of SIGA at the time of the closing of the PIPE.
7. To consider and vote upon an amendment to SIGA’s stock option plan to increase the number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the plan from 11,000,000 to 25,250,000 shares.
8. To consider and vote upon a proposal to adjourn the Special Meeting, if necessary and appropriate, for the purpose of soliciting additional proxies if there are not sufficient votes for the foregoing proposals.
9. To transact any other business as may properly come before the Special Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

The Board of Directors of SIGA has fixed the close of business on [], 2006, as the record date for the determination of stockholders of SIGA entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Special Meeting. Only holders of record of SIGA capital stock at the close of business on that date will be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Special Meeting or at any adjournments or postponements thereof.

Your attention is directed to the accompanying proxy statement for further information regarding each proposal described above.

All stockholders are asked to complete, sign and date the enclosed proxy and return it promptly by mail in the enclosed self addressed envelope, which does not require postage if mailed in the United States.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Thomas N. Konatich
Secretary

[], 2006
New York, New York

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SIGA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

PROXY STATEMENT

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This proxy statement is furnished by the Board of Directors of SIGA Technologies, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“SIGA” or the “Company”), in connection with the solicitation of proxies to be used at the special meeting of stockholders to be held on [], 2006 (the “Special Meeting”) at the offices of Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, 1177 Avenue of the Americas, 29th Floor, New York, New York 10036 at [] EDT, and at any adjournment or postponement thereof.

This Proxy Statement is dated [], 2006, and first mailed to stockholders on or about [], 2006.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on [], 2006 as the record date (the “Record Date”) for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Special Meeting. Only stockholders of record at the close of business on the Record Date will be entitled to vote at the Special Meeting or any and all adjournments or postponements thereof. As of the Record Date, SIGA had issued and outstanding 27,500,648 shares of common stock, par value \$.0001 per share (“Common Stock”), and 68,038 shares of Series A convertible preferred stock, par value \$.0001 per share (“Series A Preferred Stock”). The Common Stock and the Series A Preferred Stock together comprise all of SIGA’s issued and outstanding capital stock. At the Special Meeting, SIGA stockholders will be asked:

1. To consider and vote upon an amendment to the certificate of incorporation of SIGA to increase the number of authorized shares of capital stock to 310,000,000, divided into 300,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$.0001 per share, and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$.0001 per share.
2. To consider and vote upon an amendment to the certificate of incorporation of SIGA to change the name of the Company to PharmAthene, Inc.
3. To consider and vote upon five alternative amendments to the certificate of incorporation of SIGA, each of which would effect a reverse stock split of the common stock of the combined company at a ratio of between 1-for-3 and 1-for-7.
4. To consider and vote upon a proposal to issue up to 87,234,130 shares of SIGA common stock and warrants to purchase up to 5,817,461 shares of SIGA common stock to the stockholders of PharmAthene, Inc. as merger consideration for the merger of a wholly-owned subsidiary of SIGA into PharmAthene, Inc.
5. To consider and vote upon a proposal to issue and sell shares of SIGA common stock, together with warrants to purchase shares of SIGA common stock, in a private offering to certain investors (the “PIPE”).
6. To consider and vote upon a proposal to issue and sell shares of SIGA common stock and warrants to purchase shares of SIGA common stock to certain investors whom we expect will be considered affiliates of SIGA at the time of the closing of the PIPE.
7. To consider and vote upon an amendment of SIGA’s stock option plan to increase the number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the plan from 11,000,000 to 25,250,000 shares.
8. To consider and vote upon a proposal to adjourn the Special Meeting, if necessary and appropriate, for the purpose of soliciting additional proxies if there are not sufficient votes for the foregoing proposals.
9. To transact any other business as may properly come before the Special Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Although the proposals presented in this proxy statement are discussed and will be voted upon individually, and require stockholder approval for different reasons, as described herein, stockholders

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should consider all of the proposals together as being presented for the purpose of effectuating the Merger. Consequently, if one or more of the separate proposals is not approved by SIGA's stockholders, it is unlikely that the Merger will be consummated, even if the remainder of the proposals have been approved. Moreover, if the issuance of SIGA securities in the Merger, or the issuance of SIGA securities in connection with the PIPE, is not approved by SIGA's stockholders, other proposals presented herein that may have been approved by the stockholders (for example, the increase of shares authorized under SIGA's stock option plan and the reverse stock split) may not be implemented by SIGA, as they are, among other things, contingent upon the consummation of the Merger. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Boards of Directors of SIGA and PharmAthene have the authority to waive their respective conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement, including the completion of the PIPE, and if they do so, the Merger may be consummated even if, in the absence of such a waiver, a condition or conditions precedent contained in the Merger Agreement would not have been satisfied (and approval of the stockholders of SIGA would not be resolicited). In addition, the implementation of the reverse stock split, if approved, will be in the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Whether or not you plan to attend the Special Meeting, please take the time to vote by completing, signing and mailing the enclosed proxy card to us. Your vote is very important.

Each share of Common Stock and each share of Series A Preferred Stock outstanding on the Record Date will be entitled to one vote, voting as a single class, on each matter submitted to a vote of the stockholders. Cumulative voting by stockholders is not permitted.

We encourage you to read this entire document carefully. IN PARTICULAR, PLEASE CONSIDER THE MATTERS DISCUSSED UNDER "RISK FACTORS" BEGINNING ON PAGE 9 OF THIS PROXY STATEMENT.

NEITHER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES REGULATOR HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED THE MERGER DESCRIBED HEREIN OR DETERMINED THAT THIS PROXY STATEMENT IS ACCURATE OR ADEQUATE. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: Why am I receiving this proxy statement?

A: SIGA and PharmAthene have agreed to a combination of the companies (the “Merger”) under the terms of an agreement and plan of merger (the “Merger Agreement,” a copy of which is provided as Annex A) that is described in this proxy statement. While due to the structure of the Merger, the approval of SIGA’s stockholders is not required for the Merger itself, the approval of SIGA’s stockholders of actions to be taken in connection therewith is required by applicable state law and the rules and regulations of the NASDAQ Capital Market, all of which are as summarized below.

The Merger Agreement provides, among other things, that the outstanding shares of capital stock of PharmAthene will be converted into shares of SIGA common stock and warrants to purchase shares of SIGA common stock in the Merger, and that options to purchase shares of PharmAthene common stock outstanding immediately prior to consummation of the Merger will be converted into options to purchase units which consist of SIGA common stock and warrants to purchase shares of SIGA common stock, upon consummation of the Merger. The Merger Agreement also provides, as a condition to the closing of the Merger, which condition may be waived by the parties to the Merger Agreement, that SIGA will complete simultaneously with the closing of the Merger a private offering yielding not less than \$13.2 million of new proceeds (the “PIPE”). Current PharmAthene stockholders will also convert approximately \$11.8 million of bridge financing into the same securities offered in the PIPE such that at least \$25 million of PIPE securities are anticipated to be issued. The total value of securities issued in the PIPE could be as high as \$40 million (inclusive of the \$11.8 million of bridge financing). The purpose of the PIPE is to provide the combined company with necessary working capital following the Merger.

At present, SIGA does not have sufficient authorized capital stock under its certificate of incorporation to consummate the Merger or the PIPE as described above (and in substantially greater detail later in this proxy statement). Consequently, the Board of Directors of SIGA is proposing to amend SIGA’s certificate of incorporation to increase the authorized capital stock of SIGA in order to enable SIGA to effectuate the Merger and the PIPE. The certificate of incorporation is also proposed to be amended to change the name of SIGA to PharmAthene, Inc. upon consummation of the Merger. SIGA is incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, and under Delaware law, an amendment

of the certificate of incorporation requires stockholder approval.

SIGA common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Capital Market (“NASDAQ”) and is currently subject to NASDAQ’s issuer requirements for continued inclusion in the NASDAQ system. Nevertheless, because current PharmAthene stockholders will own a majority of the shares of SIGA’s common stock upon completion of the Merger, a change of control of SIGA will be deemed to have occurred at that time, and SIGA will, as a consequence of having undergone a change of control, become subject to NASDAQ’s more stringent requirements for an initial listing, rather than continued listing, of its stock. NASDAQ requires, in connection with an initial listing, that the trading price of an issuer’s stock be not less than \$4 per share. At _____, 2006, SIGA’s common stock was trading at \$ _____ per share. Our Board of Directors believes that the most efficient way to increase the trading price of SIGA’s common stock to a level that will comply with NASDAQ’s initial listing requirements is likely to be the implementation of a reverse stock split. Therefore SIGA stockholders will be asked to consider and approve five alternative proposals each of which will give the Board of Directors the authority, in its discretion, to amend the certificate of incorporation to effect a reverse stock split at a ratio of between 1-for-3 and 1-for-7, following the consummation of the Merger and, if completed, the PIPE.

In addition, in order to implement the conversion of PharmAthene stock options into SIGA stock options, as described above, SIGA’s stock option plan must be amended to increase the number of shares of common stock that SIGA is permitted to issue under that plan. NASDAQ rules require stockholder approval of material amendments to stock option plans. The transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement (including the PIPE transaction) will require us to issue a significant number of shares of our common stock. The NASDAQ rules also require that we obtain stockholder approval

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before such issuances. Further, NASDAQ rules require stockholder approval if shares are issued to our affiliates. As some of our affiliates and parties who are likely to become affiliates may participate in the PIPE, we are seeking your approval.

Q: Why are SIGA and PharmAthene pursuing the Merger?

A: We believe that the combination of the two companies will provide substantial strategic and financial benefits to the stockholders of both companies. The combination should, we believe, create a stronger and more competitive company that is capable of creating more stockholder value than PharmAthene and SIGA could create as separate entities. We also believe that the Merger will allow stockholders of both companies to participate in a larger, more diversified company, and that the Merger will enhance the competitive position of the business of the combined company.

Q: Why is SIGA seeking stockholder approval of the issuance of shares of SIGA and warrants to purchase shares of SIGA in the Merger, but not of the Merger itself?

A: Under Delaware law, because SIGA itself is not merging (rather, its wholly-owned subsidiary is), we are not required to seek stockholder approval of the Merger. However, because the Merger will, among other things, result in a change of control of SIGA, NASDAQ rules require that we obtain stockholder approval of the issuance of our shares in the Merger in order for our shares to continue to be quoted.

Q: Are PharmAthene stockholders required to approve the Merger?

A: Yes, although the holders of in excess of the number of shares of PharmAthene stock required to approve the Merger have already executed an irrevocable consent to the Merger. Accordingly, there are no additional approvals required by PharmAthene to consummate the Merger.

Q: What will happen in the Merger?

A: SIGA Acquisition Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary of SIGA formed for the purpose of consummating the Merger, will merge with and into PharmAthene with PharmAthene being the surviving corporation. As a consequence of the Merger, PharmAthene will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of SIGA, and the stockholders of PharmAthene will receive shares of SIGA common stock and warrants to purchase shares of SIGA common stock in exchange for their equity interests in PharmAthene.

Q: What will PharmAthene stockholders receive in the Merger?

A: The Merger Agreement provides that the current holders of PharmAthene capital stock immediately prior to the Merger will initially own up to 67.28% of the issued and outstanding shares of SIGA capital stock after the Merger (including as outstanding for purposes of the calculation, shares to be issued upon exercise of a substantial portion of SIGA's outstanding stock options and warrants) and current holders of SIGA capital stock immediately prior to the Merger will hold as little as 32.72% of the issued and outstanding shares of SIGA capital stock after the Merger (including as outstanding for purposes of the calculation, shares to be issued upon exercise of a substantial portion of SIGA's outstanding stock options and warrants). Please note, however, that SIGA has outstanding options and warrants to purchase 47,112,809 shares of common stock, holders of PharmAthene capital stock will own as much as 76.32%, and holders of SIGA capital stock will own as little as 23.68% of the aggregate issued and outstanding shares of SIGA capital stock without taking into account such stock options and warrants. Further, following the PIPE, current holders of SIGA capital stock will be further diluted, owning as little as, []% of the aggregate issued and outstanding shares of SIGA capital stock without taking into account any options or warrants to purchase shares of SIGA common stock which we expect to be outstanding immediately following the PIPE, and as little as []% taking such options and warrants into account. Therefore, the holders of SIGA stock immediately prior to the Merger will experience substantial dilution of their ownership interest as a result of the Merger, and will, along with the PharmAthene stockholders, experience further dilution upon completion of the PIPE.

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PharmAthene and SIGA currently estimate that (i) holders of PharmAthene common stock will receive approximately 0.443 shares of SIGA common stock and warrants to purchase up to approximately 0.009 shares of SIGA common stock for each share of PharmAthene common stock, (ii) holders of PharmAthene Series A Convertible Preferred Stock will receive approximately 0.9441 shares of SIGA common stock and warrants to purchase up to approximately 0.018 shares of SIGA common stock for each share of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, (iii) holders of each share of PharmAthene Series B Convertible Preferred Stock will receive approximately 1.257 shares of SIGA common stock and warrants to purchase up to approximately 0.024 shares of SIGA common stock for each share of PharmAthene Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, and (iv) holders of each share of PharmAthene Series C Convertible Preferred Stock will receive approximately 1.619 shares of SIGA common stock and warrants to purchase up to approximately 0.028 shares of SIGA common stock for each share of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock. Because these estimates are based on a number of significant assumptions, the actual number of shares of SIGA

common stock and warrants to purchase SIGA common stock that will be issued in exchange for the outstanding shares of PharmAthene capital stock may be materially different.

Q: Will fractional shares of SIGA be paid?

A: All fractional shares of SIGA common stock to be distributed to an individual stockholder of PharmAthene will be aggregated before determining whether any fractional share remains. Any remaining fractional shares that would otherwise be issuable in the Merger will be rounded to the nearest whole share, with 0.5 shares being rounded up to the next full share.

Q: Will SIGA stockholders receive any shares as a result of the Merger?

A: No. You will continue to hold the shares of SIGA common stock that you currently own, but because of the issuance of shares of SIGA common stock to PharmAthene stockholders in the Merger and to the investors in the PIPE, your shares will represent a substantially smaller percentage of the total shares of SIGA that will be outstanding after all of the shares are issued in connection with the Merger and the PIPE.

Q: When do you expect to complete the Merger?

A: SIGA and PharmAthene are working to complete the Merger as quickly as possible and hope to complete the Merger by _____, 2006. However, we cannot predict the exact timing of the completion of the Merger because the Merger is subject to certain other conditions.

Q: If the Board of Directors chooses to waive a condition to the closing of the Merger, including requiring the completion of the PIPE, will it seek stockholder approval prior to doing so?

A: By approving the resolutions proposed at the Special Meeting, you are granting to the Board of Directors of SIGA the right to waive any such condition without seeking your prior approval. Accordingly, the Board of Directors may waive this or any other condition to the merger which is material without providing to you a notice of and the opportunity to approve or object to such waiver.

Q: Why is SIGA proposing the PIPE?

A: The combined company requires additional funds to carry on its business. Without additional capital, we do not anticipate that the combined company will be able to meet its expenses or implement its business plans. Since both SIGA and PharmAthene stockholders have a mutual interest in the success of the combined company, a condition to the closing of the Merger, which condition may be waived by the parties to the Merger Agreement, is that SIGA complete, simultaneously with the closing of the Merger, a private offering yielding not less than \$13.2 million of new proceeds. Current PharmAthene stockholders will also convert approximately \$11.8 million of bridge financing into the same securities offered in the PIPE such that at least \$25 million of PIPE securities are anticipated to be issued. The total value of securities issued in the PIPE could be as high as

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\$40 million (inclusive of the \$11.8 million of bridge financing). If this condition is met and not waived, we believe that these additional funds, together with the combined company's existing funds and projected sources of revenue,

should be sufficient to enable the combined company to operate and carry out its business plans beyond September 30, 2007. We anticipate that between [] and [] shares of our common stock will be issued in connection with the PIPE.

Q: Why am I being asked to approve the PIPE and the issuance of securities to affiliates of SIGA in the PIPE?

A: Our shares of common stock are quoted on NASDAQ, and we are, therefore, subject to NASDAQ rules applicable to companies whose shares are in that quotation system. NASDAQ rules require that we obtain stockholder approval of the PIPE for three reasons. First, NASDAQ rules require a company to obtain stockholder approval of the issuance of its shares in a transaction in which the company proposes to issue a number of shares of its common stock that would equal or exceed 20% of the company's then issued and outstanding shares of common stock, when such shares are being sold at a discount from market price. While the exact terms of the PIPE are not yet known, it is anticipated that the issuance of SIGA common stock in the PIPE will be required to comply with such rules. In addition to shares of common stock, it is anticipated that investors in the PIPE will receive warrants to purchase shares of SIGA common stock. Whether shares issued in the PIPE will be sold at a discount from market price (and if so, the amount of any such discount) has not yet been determined, but even if such shares were sold at the then applicable market price, we believe that NASDAQ could deem the issuance of the shares of SIGA common stock and warrants to purchase shares of SIGA common stock together in the PIPE to be at a discount from the market value of SIGA shares as a result of additional value attributed to the warrants.

Second, NASDAQ rules require stockholder approval of arrangements pursuant to which officers and directors of a company may be issued stock of the company. Certain PharmAthene stockholders are prospective investors in the PIPE, and controlling affiliates of such investors are expected to become directors of SIGA upon consummation of the Merger. To the extent that PharmAthene stockholders participating in the PIPE have control persons who will serve on SIGA's board at the time of the PIPE, you are being asked to consider a proposal to approve the issuance by SIGA of shares to such affiliates in the PIPE.

Third, it is possible, depending on the number of shares issued in the PIPE, that such issuance could result in a change in control of the combined company as a result of the significant dilution of the combined company's stockholders that will occur. The issuance of shares in a transaction that results in a change of control also requires stockholder approval under NASDAQ rules.

Consequently, at the Special Meeting, you will be asked to consider a proposal to approve the issuance by SIGA of shares of its common stock and warrants to purchase shares of its common stock in the PIPE on such terms as are determined by the Board of Directors to be in the best interests of SIGA, subject to the terms set forth in this proxy statement.

Q: Why are you proposing to change SIGA's name?

A: PharmAthene and SIGA each have established well recognized names in the biodefense industry with well developed product candidates that may be used to respond to each of biological and chemical agents. After extensive discussions, the companies have determined that, given the terms and conditions of the Merger and the resulting management and ownership structure, the ongoing use of the PharmAthene name will better serve the best interests of the combined company.

Q: Why are you proposing a reverse stock split?

A: Consummation of the Merger will effect a change in control of SIGA, thereby subjecting SIGA to NASDAQ issuer requirements for initial listings rather than those currently applicable to SIGA, i.e., requirements for continued listing. NASDAQ's initial listing requirements include, among other things, that a company's stock trade at not less than \$4 per share. The last sale price for a share of SIGA stock on [], 2006 was \$[]. The Board

of Directors of SIGA believes that effecting a reverse stock split may be the most efficient method by which to increase the trading price of a share of SIGA stock so that SIGA will be able to comply with this initial listing requirement.

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Q: What will be the effect of the reverse stock split on the authorized and outstanding shares of common stock of the combined company?

A: The number of shares of issued and outstanding common stock of SIGA will be decreased as a result of the reverse stock split by a factor proportionate to the split. The number of authorized shares of common stock of SIGA will be reduced to 100 million. We expect that, following the completion of the reverse split, the number of shares of common stock that we will have issued and outstanding will be between [] and [].

Q: Why are you amending SIGA's stock option plan?

A: As part of the Merger, outstanding options to purchase PharmAthene common stock will be converted into options to purchase SIGA common stock at the conversion ratio applicable to the conversion of shares of PharmAthene common stock into shares of SIGA common stock in the Merger. At present, our stock option plan does not authorize the issuance of a sufficient number of shares to allow for the conversion of options in the Merger. We are proposing to increase the number of shares authorized for issuance under the plan from 11,000,000 to 25,250,000 to enable us to complete the Merger, and otherwise have an appropriate number of shares available for future grants. NASDAQ rules require stockholder approval of this amendment to our plan. Of the additional shares of capital stock proposed to be authorized by amendment to SIGA's certificate of incorporation, we anticipate that 14,250,000 will be allocated to the stock option plan, assuming approval by the stockholders of both the amendment to the certificate of incorporation and the amendment to the stock option plan. Of such shares, 4,075,109 will be allocated for grants to holders of existing PharmAthene stock options upon conversion of the PharmAthene stock options to SIGA stock options. It is also anticipated that options to purchase up to approximately 9.0 million shares of common stock will be granted after the Closing Date to current officers and employees of SIGA and PharmAthene.

Q: What vote is required by SIGA stockholders to approve the amendments to SIGA's certificate of incorporation?

A: In order for the proposed amendments to the certificate of incorporation to be adopted, a majority of the voting shares of SIGA capital stock outstanding as of the Record Date must vote "FOR" the amendments.

Q: What vote is required by SIGA stockholders to approve the issuance of shares of common stock and warrants to purchase shares of common stock in the Merger and the PIPE and the issuance of securities to affiliates in the PIPE?

A: In order for SIGA to issue shares of common stock and warrants to purchase shares of common stock in the Merger and the PIPE, including to affiliates in the PIPE, a majority of the votes cast at the Special Meeting, in person or by proxy, must vote "FOR" such issuance.

Q: What vote is required by SIGA stockholders to approve the amendment of SIGA's stock option plan?

A: In order for SIGA to amend its stock option plan, a majority of the votes cast at the Special Meeting, in person or by proxy, must vote "FOR" such amendment.

Q: Do I have Appraisal Rights?

A: Under Delaware law, you are not entitled to appraisal rights with respect to the issuance of shares of our common stock in connection with the Merger or any other matters addressed herein.

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Q: What do I need to do now?

A: We urge you to read and consider the information contained in this proxy statement carefully, including the annexes, and to consider how the Merger will affect you as a stockholder of SIGA. You should then vote as soon as possible. If your shares are held by a broker in “street name,” follow the voting directions provided to you by your broker. If your shares are held in your name, and you wish to vote by proxy, complete your proxy card and indicate how you want to vote. Sign and mail the proxy card in the enclosed return envelope as soon as possible. You should complete, sign and return your proxy card even if you currently expect to attend the Special Meeting and vote in person. Mailing in a proxy card now will not prevent you from later canceling or “revoking” your proxy right up to the day of the Special Meeting, and you will ensure that your shares get voted if you later find you are unable to attend. If you sign and send in the proxy card and do not indicate how you want to vote, your proxy will be voted FOR each of the amendments to the certificate of incorporation, FOR the issuance of securities in the Merger and the PIPE, FOR the issuance of securities in the PIPE to certain affiliates of SIGA, and FOR the amendment of the stock option plan.

Q: If my broker holds my shares in “street name,” will my broker vote my shares for me?

A: Your broker will vote your shares only if you tell the broker how to vote. To do so, follow the directions your broker provides. Please note that brokers that have not received voting instructions from their clients cannot, in the case of the proposals in this proxy statement, vote on their client's behalf. In the event a broker indicates in a proxy that it does not have discretionary authority to vote shares on a particular matter, referred to as a “broker non-vote,” then those shares will not be entitled to vote on a particular matter. However, abstentions and broker, non-votes will be treated as shares present for the purposes of determining the presence of a quorum for the transaction of business at the meeting. The approval of the proposals to amend the certificate of incorporation requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of capital stock entitled to vote at the Special Meeting, voting as a single class. The approval of the remainder of the proposals each requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of capital stock present or represented by proxy and voting at the meeting, provided that there is the required quorum. Abstentions and broker non-votes could prevent the approval of a proposal where the number of affirmative votes, though a majority of the votes represented and cast, does not constitute a majority of the votes entitled to vote at the meeting.

Q: What if I abstain or do not vote?

A: If you:

- fail to respond, it will have the same effect as a vote against the proposals to amend the certificate of incorporation. With respect to the other proposals, it will have the effect of not counting toward the quorum necessary for the Special Meeting.
- respond and do not indicate how you want to vote, your proxy will be counted as a

vote in favor of the proposals to be considered at the Special Meeting.

- respond and abstain from voting, your proxy will be treated as shares present for the purposes of determining the presence of a quorum for the transaction of business at the meeting. The approval of the proposals to amend the certificate of incorporation requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of capital stock entitled to vote at the special meeting, voting as a single class. The approval of the remainder of the proposals each require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of capital stock present or represented by proxy and voting at the meeting, provided that there is the required quorum. Abstentions and broker non-votes could prevent the approval of a proposal where the number of affirmative votes, though a majority of the votes represented and cast, does not constitute a majority of the votes entitled to vote at the meeting.

Officers, directors and stockholders of SIGA, including affiliates of certain directors of SIGA, owning a total of approximately 29% of the outstanding SIGA capital stock have already agreed to vote in favor of each of the proposals.

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Q: Can I change my vote after I have mailed my signed proxy?

A: Yes. You can change your vote at any time before your proxy is voted at the Special Meeting by taking any of the following actions:

- delivering to the corporate secretary of SIGA a signed notice of revocation;
- granting a new, later-dated proxy, which must be signed and delivered to the corporate secretary of SIGA; or
- attending the Special Meeting and voting in person; however, your attendance at the Special Meeting alone will not revoke your previously delivered proxy.

Q: Whom should I contact with questions?

A: If you have any questions about the Merger, you should contact the following:

SIGA Technologies, Inc.
420 Lexington Avenue
Suite 408
New York, NY 10170
Attention: Thomas N. Konatich
Telephone: 212-672-9100

You may also obtain additional information about SIGA from documents filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission by following the instructions in the section entitled "Availability of Reports and Other Information" on page 110.

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SUMMARY

SIGA is sending this proxy statement to its stockholders. This Summary discusses the most material aspects of the Merger and related transactions, but may not contain all of the information that is important to you. It is not intended to be a complete description and is qualified in its entirety by the more detailed information contained elsewhere in this proxy statement and the documents included with this proxy statement. We have included page references parenthetically to direct you to a more complete description of the topics presented in this Summary. To gain a better understanding of the Merger, you should read this entire document carefully, including the Merger Agreement attached as Annex A, the Voting Agreement attached as Annex B, the fairness opinion of Sutter Securities Incorporated attached as Annex C, the proposed amendments to SIGA's certificate of incorporation attached as Annex D, the proposed amendment to SIGA's stock option plan attached as Annex E, the PIPE Purchase Agreement attached as Annex F, the Registration Rights Agreement attached as Annex G, the Lock-Up Agreement attached as Annex H and the other documents to which SIGA and PharmAthene refer. You may obtain the additional information without charge by following the instructions in the section entitled "Availability for Reports and Other Information" on page 110.

This proxy statement contains forward looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in the forward looking statements as a result of the factors described under the heading "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this proxy statement. All references to "SIGA," "the Company," "we," "us," and "our" in this proxy statement refer to SIGA Technologies, Inc. Unless otherwise noted, all references to "PharmAthene" refer to PharmAthene, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiary PharmAthene Canada, Inc.

The Special Meeting (page 27)

The Special Meeting will be held at the offices of Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, 1177 Avenue of the Americas, 29th Floor, New York, New York 10036 EDT on _____, 2006. At the Special Meeting, SIGA stockholders will be asked:

1. To consider and approve an amendment to the certificate of incorporation of SIGA to increase the number of authorized shares of capital stock to 310,000,000, divided into 300,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$.0001 per share, and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$.0001 per share.
2. To consider and approve an amendment to the certificate of incorporation of SIGA to change the name of the Company to PharmAthene, Inc.
3. To consider and approve five alternative amendments to the certificate of incorporation of SIGA, each of which would effect a reverse stock split of the common stock of the combined company at a ratio of between 1-for-3 and 1-for-7.
4. To consider and approve a proposal to issue up to 87,234,130 shares of SIGA common stock and warrants to purchase up to 5,817,461 shares of SIGA common stock to the stockholders of PharmAthene, Inc. as merger consideration for the merger of a wholly-owned subsidiary of SIGA into PharmAthene, Inc.
5. To consider and approve a proposal to issue shares of SIGA common stock, together with warrants to purchase shares of SIGA common stock, in a private offering to certain investors (the "PIPE").
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To consider and approve a proposal to issue shares of SIGA common stock and warrants to purchase SIGA common stock to certain investors whom we expect will be considered affiliates of SIGA at the closing of the PIPE.

7. To consider and approve an amendment of SIGA's stock option plan to increase the number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the plan from 11,000,000 to 25,250,000 shares; and

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8. To consider and approve a proposal to adjourn the Special Meeting, if necessary and appropriate, for the purpose of soliciting additional proxies if there are not sufficient votes for the foregoing proposals.
9. To transact any other business as may properly come before the Special Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Although the proposals presented in this proxy statement are discussed and will be voted upon individually, and require stockholder approval for different reasons, as described herein, stockholders should consider all of the proposals together as being presented for the purpose of effectuating the Merger. Consequently, if one or more of the separate proposals is not approved by SIGA's stockholders, it is unlikely that the Merger will be consummated, even if the remainder of the proposals have been approved. Moreover, if the issuance of SIGA shares in the Merger, or the issuance of SIGA shares in connection with the PIPE, is not approved by SIGA's stockholders, other proposals presented herein that may have been approved by the stockholders (for example, the increase of shares authorized under SIGA's stock option plan and the reverse stock split) may not be implemented by SIGA, as they are, among other things, contingent upon the consummation of the Merger. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Boards of Directors of SIGA and PharmAthene have the authority to waive their respective conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement, including the completion of the PIPE, and if they do so, the Merger may be consummated even if, in the absence of such a waiver, a condition or conditions precedent contained in the Merger Agreement would not have been satisfied (and approval of the stockholders of SIGA will not be resolicited). In addition, the implementation of the reverse stock split, if approved, will be in the discretion of the Board of Directors.

The Companies

SIGA Technologies, Inc.
420 Lexington Avenue
Suite 408
New York, NY 10170
Telephone: 212-672-9100

SIGA is a biotechnology company which aims to discover, develop and commercialize novel anti-infectives, antibiotics and vaccines for serious infectious diseases, including products for use in defense against biological warfare agents such as smallpox and arenaviruses (hemorrhagic fevers). Our lead product, SIGA-246, is an orally administered anti-viral drug that targets the smallpox virus. In December 2005, the Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") accepted our Investigational New Drug ("IND") application for SIGA-246 and granted the program "Fast-Track" status. Our anti-viral programs are designed to prevent or limit the replication of the viral pathogen. Our anti-infectives programs are aimed at the increasingly serious problem of drug resistance. We are also developing a technology for the mucosal delivery of our vaccines which may allow the vaccines to activate the immune system at the mucus lined surfaces of the body — the mouth, the nose, the lungs and the gastrointestinal and urogenital tracts — the sites of entry for most infectious agents.

PharmAthene, Inc.
175 Admiral Cochrane Drive
Suite 101
Annapolis, MD 21401
Telephone: 410-571-8920

PharmAthene is a Delaware corporation engaged in the discovery and development of new human therapeutics and prophylactics for the treatment and prevention of morbidity and mortality from exposure to chemical and biological weapons. PharmAthene's mission is to seize leadership in this emerging area by developing a portfolio of products urgently needed by the U.S. Government and its allies. PharmAthene has two products under development that are intended to provide

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protection from anthrax and chemical threats. Beyond its initial focus in biodefense, PharmAthene intends to identify and develop dual-use technologies which have application and indications in broader commercial markets.

PROPOSAL 1 — APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION TO INCREASE AUTHORIZED CAPITAL STOCK

General (page 29)

The Merger Agreement, pursuant to which a newly-formed wholly-owned subsidiary of SIGA will merge with and into PharmAthene, provides that as consideration for the conversion of their shares of PharmAthene capital stock in the Merger, the stockholders of PharmAthene will receive 87,234,130 shares of SIGA common stock for their shares of PharmAthene stock, which is approximately 67.28% of our outstanding common stock (including, for the purpose of this calculation, all options and warrants exercisable for \$2.00 or less and one-half of all options and warrants exercisable for greater than \$2.00). In addition, the stockholders of PharmAthene will receive warrants to purchase up to _____ shares of SIGA common stock. Of the consideration allocated to the holders of PharmAthene equity, 4.46% is attributable to option holders of PharmAthene whose options are being converted into options for SIGA common stock in the Merger. (See "Pro Forma Capitalization" on page 63). As a result of this option conversion, SIGA would be obligated to issue an aggregate of up to 4,075,109 shares of its common stock upon exercise of the SIGA stock options received by PharmAthene option holders in the Merger and 205,356 shares of its common stock upon the exercise of SIGA warrants received by holders of options to purchase PharmAthene common stock. In order to have a sufficient number of shares available to issue to PharmAthene stockholders pursuant to the Merger and to effectuate the other transactions relating to the Merger (including the private placement described below under "The PIPE" as well as the exercise of derivative securities issued in connection with the Merger and PIPE), we must amend our certificate of incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock by 250,000,000, to a total of 300,000,000 shares authorized.

SIGA's Reasons For the Merger (page 32)

Our Board of Directors considered a variety of positive and negative factors in approving the Merger. Our Board of Directors believes that the positive factors provide value to us at least equal to the negotiated Merger consideration, and offset the risks associated with the Merger. There can be no assurance, however, that such will be the case.

The Merger Agreement (page 40)

The Merger Agreement is included as Annex A to this proxy statement and a detailed summary thereof may be found at “The Merger” at page 30. It is the legal document that governs the Merger and is incorporated herein by reference.

Conditions to Completion of the Merger (page 45)

The Merger will be completed if certain conditions are met. Among these is the condition that we complete a private placement of our equity securities (the “PIPE”) yielding proceeds to us of not less than \$25 million (which amount includes approximately \$11.8 million in principal amount of bridge loan notes of PharmAthene which will be converted into SIGA securities in the PIPE). (See “The PIPE” at page 52). The issuance of our shares in the PIPE will result in additional dilution of the ownership interests in the combined company for current SIGA stockholders, and could result in a change of control of the combined company. (See “Pro Forma Capitalization” on page 63). Current PharmAthene stockholders are expected to be among the investors in the PIPE, and the Company expects that potential investors in the PIPE may also include current stockholders of SIGA. The purpose of the PIPE is to provide the Company with sufficient working capital to fund its anticipated operational expenses and overhead for the next twelve months.

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If legally permitted, SIGA or PharmAthene may each waive conditions for the benefit of their respective companies and stockholders and complete the Merger even though one or more of these conditions has not been met. We cannot assure you that the conditions will be satisfied or waived or that the Merger will occur. By approving the resolutions proposed at the Special Meeting, you are granting to the Board of Directors of SIGA the right to waive any such condition without seeking your prior approval.

Opinion of SIGA’s Financial Advisor (page 33)

In connection with the proposed Merger, SIGA’s financial advisor, Sutter Securities Incorporated (“Sutter”), delivered its original written opinion, dated June 2, 2006, to the Board of Directors of SIGA to the effect that, as of the date of the opinion, based upon and subject to the assumptions made, matters considered and limits of the review undertaken by Sutter, the consideration to be paid in the Merger to PharmAthene stockholders was fair to SIGA’s stockholders from a financial point of view. Sutter subsequently issued its updated written opinion to the Board of Directors of SIGA, dated the date hereof. The full text of Sutter’s written opinion, dated as of the date hereof, is attached to this proxy statement as Annex C. SIGA encourages you to read this opinion carefully in its entirety, and the more detailed discussion of this fairness opinion provided in this proxy statement, for a description of the procedures followed, assumptions made, matters considered, and limitations on the review undertaken. Sutter’s opinion is addressed to the SIGA Board of Directors and does not constitute a recommendation to any stockholder as to any matters relating to the Merger. Sutter’s compensation is in no way contingent on the Merger, and Sutter will receive no additional compensation if the Merger closes.

Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger (page 37)

Although no legal opinion or ruling from the Internal Revenue Service will be sought with respect to the tax consequences of the Merger, SIGA and PharmAthene intend to treat the exchange of PharmAthene capital stock for SIGA common stock in the Merger as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the U.S. Internal

Revenue Code.

As a result, no income, gain or loss should be recognized by SIGA, SIGA Acquisition Corp. or PharmAthene as a result of the transfer to PharmAthene stockholders of SIGA common stock provided by SIGA to SIGA Acquisition Corp. pursuant to the Merger.

Interests of Officers and Directors in the Merger and Private Placement (page 39)

Following the consummation of the Merger, all but one of the members of the Board of Directors of SIGA will resign and the new board members will be appointed by Paul G. Savas, the remaining member of the SIGA Board. It is also anticipated that Thomas Konatich, the current Acting Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of SIGA, will no longer be employed by the combined company. Under his employment agreement, he will be entitled to receive a severance payment as a result of the change of control. Dennis Hruby, SIGA's Chief Scientific Officer, is expected to serve as a vice president of the combined company following the Merger.

Following the closing of the Merger, a majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the combined company will consist of parties initially designated by PharmAthene. Three of these proposed Board members, Steven St. Peter, M.D., who is a General Partner of MPM Capital, James Cavanaugh, Ph.D., who is the President of Healthcare Ventures LLC, and Elizabeth Czerepak, who is a member of Bear Stearns Health Innoventures Management, LLC, are, by virtue of their relationships with such entities, affiliated with stockholders of PharmAthene which provided bridge financing to PharmAthene during 2006 that will convert into securities issued in the PIPE at a further discount to the price such securities will be sold in the PIPE transaction. PharmAthene's current Chief Executive Officer, its Chief Financial Officer and its Vice President Business Development & Strategic Planning have also invested in the bridge financing and will be entitled to the additional discount

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upon conversion of this investment. The terms of the PIPE will be based upon prevailing market conditions. A committee which consists of four individuals, Steven St. Peter, M.D., Elizabeth Czerepak, Matthew Drapkin, who is a Senior Vice President – Corporate Development of MacAndrews & Forbes Holdings, Inc., and Paul Savas, who is an Executive Vice President of Finance of MacAndrews & Forbes Holdings, Inc., who represent parties that will hold SIGA common stock following the closing of the Merger, must approve the terms of the PIPE, which approval will be presumed if the terms fall within certain parameters previously agreed upon by SIGA. Two of the individuals on the committee, Paul Savas and Matthew Drapkin, represent parties designated by the Board of Directors of SIGA prior to the Merger who are not affiliated with any entity participating in the PIPE. As a result, at least one committee member who is independent of both the investors in the PIPE and PharmAthene must approve the final terms of the PIPE.

Our Board of Directors has unanimously approved the amendment of the certificate of incorporation to increase authorized capital stock and recommends that you vote FOR such amendment.

PROPOSAL 2 — APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION TO CHANGE THE COMPANY'S NAME

Change of Corporate Name (page 50)

PharmAthene and SIGA each have established well recognized names in the biodefense industry with well developed product candidates that may be used to respond to each of biological and chemical agents. After extensive discussions, the companies have determined that given the terms and conditions of the Merger and the resulting management and ownership structure, that the ongoing use of the PharmAthene name will better serve the best interests of the combined company.

Our Board of Directors has unanimously approved the amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation to change the Company's name and recommends that you vote FOR such amendment.

PROPOSAL 3 — APPROVAL OF FIVE ALTERNATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION TO EFFECT A REVERSE STOCK SPLIT

At the Special Meeting, SIGA Stockholders will be asked to vote upon a proposal which would allow the Board of Directors, in its discretion, to amend the certificate of incorporation of SIGA to effect a reverse stock split after the consummation of the Merger and, if completed, the PIPE. The Board of Directors may effect only one reverse stock split pursuant to this proposal at one of the five possible ratios hereafter described. Under the proposed alternative amendments, each outstanding 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 shares of the authorized and issued and outstanding common stock of the combined company would be combined, converted and changed into one share of common stock. Upon the effectiveness of one such amendment, the other amendments would be abandoned and all such amendments could be abandoned, in all cases at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. The primary purpose of the reverse split would be to increase the price of the shares of the combined company in order to comply with NASDAQ listing requirements.

Because current PharmAthene stockholders will own a majority of the shares of SIGA's common stock upon completion of the Merger, a change of control of SIGA will be deemed to have occurred at that time, and SIGA will, as a consequence of having undergone a change of control, become subject to NASDAQ's more stringent requirements for an initial listing, rather than continued listing, of its stock. NASDAQ requires, in connection with an initial listing, that the trading price of an issuer's stock be not less than \$4 per share. At _____, 2006, SIGA's common stock was trading at \$ _____ per share. We do not know what the trading price will be following the Merger, but, assuming that it will still be below \$4.00 per share, our Board of Directors believes that the most efficient way to increase the trading price of SIGA's common stock to a level that will comply with NASDAQ's

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initial listing requirements is likely to be the implementation of a reverse stock split. You will, therefore, be asked to consider and approve a proposal to give the Board of Directors the authority to, in its discretion, amend the certificate of incorporation to effect a reverse stock split at one of the approved ratios, although there can be no assurance that following a reverse split the stock price will adjust to a level that will meet NASDAQ's initial listing requirements.

Our Board of Directors has unanimously agreed to recommend to our stockholders that they approve, subject to a subsequent board vote, the amendment to our certificate of incorporation to approve a reverse stock split.

PROPOSAL 4 — APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF SHARES AND WARRANTS TO PURCHASE SHARES OF COMMON STOCK IN THE MERGER

The Merger (page 52)

Consummation of the Merger will result in a change of control of SIGA. Prior to the Merger, current stockholders of SIGA own 100% of the voting power of SIGA capital stock. Following the Merger but prior to the PIPE, they will own up to approximately 23.7% of such capital stock in the aggregate. Current PharmAthene stockholders will, following the Merger but prior to the PIPE, own, in the aggregate, up to 76.3% (67.28% on a fully-diluted basis) of SIGA's outstanding common stock in addition to the warrants to purchase SIGA common stock they will receive at the closing. In addition, designees of PharmAthene will constitute a majority of the Board of Directors of SIGA following the closing of the Merger. NASDAQ rules require that a company obtain stockholder approval of the issuance of securities in a transaction the result of which would be a direct or indirect change of control of the company. We are, therefore, asking you to approve the issuance of our shares and warrants to purchase our shares to the stockholders of PharmAthene in the Merger.

Our Board of Directors has unanimously approved the Merger, including the issuance of our shares and warrants to purchase our shares to PharmAthene stockholders as consideration for the Merger, and recommends that you vote FOR such proposed issuance.

PROPOSAL 5 — APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF SIGA SECURITIES IN A PRIVATE OFFERING FOR AN AGGREGATE PURCHASE PRICE OF UP TO \$40,000,000

The PIPE (page 52)

At the Special Meeting, SIGA stockholders will be asked to vote upon a proposal to approve the issuance of shares of SIGA securities pursuant to purchase agreements (collectively, the "Purchase Agreements") between SIGA and certain investors yet to be determined. The Purchase Agreements are expected to provide for a private offering (the "PIPE") either of shares of SIGA common stock alone, or of units consisting of shares of SIGA common stock and warrants to purchase shares of SIGA common stock (the "PIPE Warrants"), for an aggregate consideration of up to \$40 million (inclusive of the conversion by current PharmAthene stockholders, including PharmAthene's Chief Executive Officer, of approximately \$11.8 million of bridge financing into the same securities offered in the PIPE). The price per share of the common stock issued and sold by SIGA in the PIPE is likely to be based on the closing price of SIGA's common stock reported on NASDAQ immediately prior to the pricing of the PIPE. NASDAQ requires a company to obtain stockholder approval of the issuance of its shares in a transaction in which the company proposes to issue a number of shares of common stock that would equal or exceed 20% of the company's then issued and outstanding shares of common stock, when such shares are being sold at a discount from market price. Although the number of shares that we issue and sell in the PIPE has not been determined as of the date of this proxy statement, the Board of Directors anticipates that the terms of any such securities would be such that the issuance thereof could be subject to this NASDAQ requirement. In addition, although it has not yet been determined whether the shares issued in the PIPE will be sold at a discount from

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market price (or if so, the amount of any such discount), even if such shares are sold at market price we believe that the NASDAQ could deem the issuance of the shares in the PIPE to be at a discount as a result of value attributed to the PIPE Warrants, if any are issued. Moreover, it is possible that the number of securities we issue in the PIPE may result in another change of control of SIGA as a result of the significant dilution of SIGA's current stockholders that will occur. Under NASDAQ rules, an issuance which may give rise to a change in control also requires stockholder approval.

The purpose of the PIPE is to provide the combined company with necessary working capital. In order to comply with the possible application of NASDAQ rules to the potential issuance of any securities in the PIPE, SIGA is seeking stockholder approval for this proposal so that the SIGA Board of Directors will have the flexibility to enter into and close the PIPE on such terms as the Board of Directors deems to be in the best interests of SIGA.

The terms of the Purchase Agreements and the PIPE Warrants and the other terms of the PIPE are complex. This summary of the terms is general in nature and is qualified by reference to the more detailed description in this proxy statement at page 52, and to the actual form of the Purchase Agreements (which includes the form of PIPE Warrant), which is attached as Annex F hereto. Stockholders desiring a more complete understanding of the general terms of the Purchase Agreements and the PIPE are urged to review the form of Purchase Agreement.

The Board of Directors approved the issuance of our securities in the PIPE and recommends voting FOR the approval of the issuance of SIGA securities in the PIPE.

PROPOSAL 6 — APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF SECURITIES IN THE PIPE TO CERTAIN AFFILIATES OF SIGA

The PIPE (page 55)

Investors in the PIPE will include current stockholders of PharmAthene. Certain persons in control positions of these stockholders are expected to become members of SIGA's Board of Directors upon consummation of the Merger. These individuals are also affiliates of PharmAthene's current institutional stockholders. NASDAQ rules require a company to obtain stockholder approval of certain arrangements pursuant to which officers and directors of a company may be issued stock of a company. To the extent that PharmAthene stockholders participating in the PIPE have control persons who will serve on the Board of Directors of SIGA upon the consummation of the Merger, you are being asked to consider a proposal to approve the issuance by SIGA of securities to such affiliates in the PIPE.

Following the closing of the Merger, a majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the combined company will consist of parties initially designated by PharmAthene. Three of the proposed Board members, Steven St. Peter, M.D., who is a General Partner of MPM Capital, James Cavanaugh, Ph.D., who is the President of Healthcare Ventures LLC, and Elizabeth Czerepak, who is a member of Bear Stearns Health Innoventures Management, LLC, are, by virtue of their relationships with such entities, affiliated with stockholders of PharmAthene which provided bridge financing to PharmAthene during 2006 which will convert into securities issued in the PIPE at a further discount to the price such securities will be sold in the PIPE transaction. PharmAthene's current Chief Executive Officer, its Chief Financial Officer and its Vice President Business Development & Strategic Planning have also invested in the bridge financing and will be entitled to the additional discount upon the conversion of their investment. The terms of the PIPE will be based upon prevailing market conditions. A committee which consists of four individuals, Steven St. Peter, M.D., Elizabeth Czerepak, Matthew Drapkin, who is a Senior Vice President – Corporate Development of MacAndrews & Forbes Holdings, Inc. and Paul Savas, who is an Executive Vice President of Finance of MacAndrews & Forbes Holdings, Inc., who represent parties that will hold SIGA common stock following the closing of the Merger, must approve the terms of the PIPE, which approval will be presumed if the terms fall within certain parameters previously agreed upon by SIGA. Two of the individuals on the committee,

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Paul Savas and Matthew Drapkin, represent parties designated by the Board of Directors of SIGA prior to the Merger who are not affiliated with any entity participating in the PIPE. As a result, at least one committee member who is independent of both the investors in the PIPE and PharmAthene must approve the final terms of the PIPE.

The Board of Directors has unanimously approved the issuance of our securities in the PIPE to certain affiliates and recommends voting FOR the approval of the issuance of SIGA securities to certain affiliates of SIGA in the PIPE.

PROPOSAL 7 — APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO STOCK OPTION PLAN TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK AVAILABLE FOR ISSUANCE UNDER THE PLAN FROM 11,000,000 SHARES TO 25,250,000 SHARES

NASDAQ rules require stockholder approval of material amendments to stock option plans. Our stockholders are being asked to approve an amendment of the Amended and Restated 1996 Incentive and Non-Qualified Stock Option Plan of SIGA Technologies, Inc. (the “SIGA Option Plan”) to increase the number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance thereunder from 11,000,000 to 25,250,000 shares. In the Merger, options to purchase PharmAthene shares outstanding immediately prior to consummation of the Merger will be converted into units consisting of options to purchase shares of SIGA common stock and warrants to purchase shares of SIGA common stock at the same ratio at which the holders of PharmAthene common stock will receive SIGA common stock in the Merger. In order to have sufficient shares authorized under the SIGA Option Plan for the issuance of SIGA shares upon exercise of these converted options, as well as upon the exercise of other outstanding SIGA stock options and options to be granted in the future, we must increase the number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the SIGA Option Plan.

Our Board of Directors has unanimously approved the amendment of the SIGA Option Plan and recommends voting FOR such amendment.

PROPOSAL 8 — APPROVAL OF ADJOURNMENT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING, IF NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SOLICITING ADDITIONAL PROXIES IF THERE ARE NOT SUFFICIENT VOTES FOR THE FOREGOING PROPOSALS.

If SIGA fails to receive a sufficient number of votes to approve any of Proposals 1 through 7, SIGA may propose to adjourn the Special Meeting for a period of not more than 60 days for the purpose of soliciting additional proxies to approve any proposal that fails to receive a sufficient number of votes. Proxies initially cast in favor of a proposal will be voted in favor of such proposal at the Special Meeting subsequently convened within 60 days of the Special Meeting so adjourned or postponed unless those proxies are revoked as described under “Revocation of Proxies.” SIGA does not intend currently to propose adjournment of the Special Meeting if it has sufficient votes to approve Proposals 1 through 7.

Approval of the proposal to adjourn the Special Meeting for the purpose of soliciting additional proxies requires (assuming a quorum is present) the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Special Meeting in person or by proxy.

Our Board of Directors recommends voting FOR any such necessary and appropriate adjournment.

RISK FACTORS

SIGA stockholders should carefully consider the following factors in evaluating whether to approve the amendments to the certificate of incorporation, the issuance of securities in the Merger and the PIPE, the issuance of securities in the PIPE to certain affiliates of SIGA and the amendment to the SIGA Option Plan. These factors should be considered in conjunction with the other information included in this proxy statement and enclosed herewith. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to SIGA or PharmAthene, or that are not currently believed to be important to you, also may adversely affect the Merger and the combined company following the Merger.

Risks Related to the Business of the Combined Company

It is expected that the combined company will incur net losses and negative cash flow for the foreseeable future.

Each of SIGA and PharmAthene has incurred significant losses since their respective commencements of operations. For the year ended December 31, 2005, PharmAthene incurred an operating loss of approximately \$23.4 million. For the year ended December 31, 2005, SIGA incurred an operating loss of approximately \$2.3 million. The pro forma combined accumulated deficit of the combined company is approximately \$95.7 million at June 30, 2006. The two companies' losses to date have resulted principally from research and development costs related to the development of their product candidates and general and administrative costs related to their operations.

It is expected that the combined company will incur substantial losses for the foreseeable future as a result of increases in its research and development costs, including costs associated with conducting preclinical testing, clinical trials and regulatory compliance activities.

The combined company's likelihood for achieving profitability will depend on numerous factors, including success in:

- developing and testing new product candidates;
- carrying out the combined company's intellectual property strategy;
- establishing the combined company's competitive position;
- pursuing third-party collaborations;
- acquiring or in-licensing products;
- receiving regulatory approvals;
- manufacturing and marketing products;
- obtaining government procurement contracts from the Department of Defense and other government agencies and programs, including Project BioShield; and
- continuing to receive government funding and identifying new government funding opportunities.

Many of these factors will depend on circumstances beyond the combined company's control. We cannot guarantee that we will achieve sufficient revenues for profitability. Even if we do achieve profitability, we cannot guarantee that we can sustain or increase profitability on a quarterly or annual basis in the future. If revenues grow slower than we anticipate, or if operating expenses exceed our expectations or cannot be adjusted accordingly, then our business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows will be materially and adversely affected. Because our strategy might include acquisitions of other businesses, acquisition expenses and any cash used to make these acquisitions will reduce our available cash.

The combined company is in various stages of product development and there can be no assurance of successful commercialization.

In general, the combined company's research and development programs are at an early stage of development. To obtain FDA approval for the combined company's biological warfare defense

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products under the current FDA regulation, we will be required to perform two animal models and provide animal and human safety data. The combined company's other products will be subject to the relevant approval guidelines under FDA regulatory requirements which include a number of phases of testing in humans.

Neither SIGA nor PharmAthene has commercialized any products or recognized any revenue from product sales. In December 2005, the FDA approved SIGA's IND application for SIGA-246. SIGA initiated Phase I clinical trials in the second quarter of 2006. Valortim, PharmAthene's anthrax treatment, is currently in late preclinical and early clinical stages of development. The combined company expects that it must conduct significant additional research and development activities before it will be able to receive final regulatory approval to commercialize SIGA-246 or Valortim. In addition, Protexia, PharmAthene's nerve agent countermeasure, is in the pre-clinical stage of development and must also undergo clinical trials and receive regulatory approval before it can be commercialized.

Other than the SIGA-246 and Valortim product candidates, the research and development programs for the combined company are at an early stage of development. Other drug candidates developed by the combined company will require significant additional research and development efforts, including extensive pre-clinical and clinical testing and regulatory approval, prior to commercial sale. SIGA cannot be sure the approach of the combined company to drug discovery will be effective or will result in the development of any drug. SIGA does not expect that any drugs resulting from the research and development efforts of the combined companies will be commercially available for many years, if at all.

Even if the combined company receives initially positive pre-clinical or clinical results, such results do not indicate that similar results will be obtained in the later stages of drug development, such as additional pre-clinical testing or human clinical trials.

All of the combined company's potential product candidates will be prone to the risks of failure inherent in pharmaceutical product development, including the possibility that none of its product candidates will or can:

- be safe, non-toxic and effective and otherwise meet applicable regulatory standards;
- develop into commercially viable drugs;
- be manufactured or produced economically and on a large scale;
- be successfully marketed; and
- achieve customer acceptance.

Even if the combined company succeeds in developing and commercializing its product candidates, it may never generate sufficient or sustainable revenue to enable it to be profitable.

Furthermore, even if the product candidates of the combined company are successful when tested in animals, such success would not be a guarantee of the effectiveness and safety of such product candidates in humans. PharmAthene's first product candidate, its Dominate Negative Inhibitor ("DNI"), was demonstrated to be effective in animal testing, but was determined to be unsafe for humans following clinical trials in human subjects. The DNI program was subsequently terminated. There can be no assurances that one or more of the combined company's future product candidates would not similarly fail to meet safety standards in human testing, even if those product candidates were found to be effective in animal studies. Nor can there be any assurances that any such product candidates will prove to be effective in humans.

Most of the combined company's immediately foreseeable future revenues are contingent upon grants and contracts from the United States government and collaborative and license agreements and the combined company may not achieve sufficient revenues from these agreements to attain profitability.

Until and unless the combined company successfully markets a product, its ability to generate revenues will largely depend on its ability to enter into additional collaborative agreements, strategic

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alliances, research grants, contracts and license agreements with third parties, including, without limitation, the U.S. government and branches and agencies thereof, and maintain the agreements it currently has in place. Substantially all of the revenue of SIGA and PharmAthene for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively, were derived from revenues related to grants, contracts and license agreements. SIGA's current revenue is derived from contract work being performed for the NIH under two major grants which are scheduled to expire in September 2006 and two contracts with the U.S. Army which expire in September 2006 and December 2007, respectively. These agreements are for specific work to be performed under the agreements and could only be canceled by the other party thereto for non-performance.

In addition, the combined company's business plan calls for significant payments from milestone based collaborative agreements. The combined company may not earn significant milestone payments under its existing collaborative agreements until its collaborators have advanced products into clinical testing, which may not occur for many years, if at all.

SIGA has material agreements with the following collaborators:

- National Institutes of Health. Under its collaborative agreement with the NIH, SIGA was awarded federal government grants under the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program totaling approximately \$11.1 million in 2004. The term of these grants expires in September 2006. In August 2006, SIGA was awarded a three year SBIR grant for approximately \$4.8 million. SIGA receives cash payments from the NIH under these grants on a semi-monthly basis, as the work is performed and the related revenue is recognized. SIGA's current NIH SBIR grants do not include milestone payments. As of June 30, 2006, SIGA received appr