

SKYEPHARMA PLC  
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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 6-K**

**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, 2006

SkyePharma PLC

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(Translation of registrant's name into English)

SkyePharma PLC, 105 Piccadilly, London W1J 7NJ England

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(Address of principal executive office)

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### SkyePharma's Chief Operating Officer Appointed to Board

LONDON, UK, 17 May 2006 - SkyePharma PLC (LSE: SKP; Nasdaq: SKYE) announces the appointment of Dr Ken Cunningham, Chief Operating Officer, as a Director of the Company. It was announced in February that Dr Ken Cunningham, previously Chief Executive of the privately-owned UK biotechnology company Arakis, would become Chief Operating Officer of SkyePharma and he took up this appointment on 24 April.

Dr Ken Cunningham said: "I am very pleased to join the Board of SkyePharma. With the ongoing divestment of our Injectables business, I will be focusing on the management of our core Oral and Inhalation products where I will apply my experience in pharmaceutical development. I am impressed by SkyePharma's technical staff and see working with them to maximise the value of our pipeline products as a key part of my role at SkyePharma."

Dr Jerry Karabelas, SkyePharma's Non-executive Chairman, said: "We welcome Ken to the Board and look forward to gaining his input on operational and strategic decisions."

Shareholders will have the opportunity to confirm the appointment of Dr Cunningham as a Director at the next Annual General Meeting, which will be in June 2006.

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#### Notes for editors

#### About SkyePharma

SkyePharma PLC develops pharmaceutical products benefiting from world-leading drug delivery technologies that provide easier-to-use and more effective drug formulations. There are now twelve approved products incorporating SkyePharma's technologies in the areas of oral, injectable, inhaled and topical delivery, supported by advanced solubilisation capabilities. For more information, visit [www.skyepharma.com](http://www.skyepharma.com).

*Certain statements in this news release are forward-looking statements and are made in reliance on the safe harbour provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Act of 1995. Although SkyePharma believes that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, it can give no assurance that these expectations will materialize. Because the expectations are subject to risks and uncertainties, actual results may vary significantly from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements based upon a number of factors, which are described in SkyePharma's 20-F and other documents on file with the SEC. Factors that could cause differences between actual results and those implied by the forward-looking statements contained in this news release*

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**SIGNATURES**

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

**SkyePharma PLC**

By: /s/ Douglas Parkhill

Name: Douglas Parkhill

Title: Company Secretary

Date: May 17, 2006