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Conference Call Speakers

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Christopher A. Viehbacher

Chief Executive Officer

Jérôme Contamine

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

Genzyme

Henri A. Termeer

Chairman of the Board, President, Chief Executive Officer

Rationale for sanofi-aventis
Christopher A. Viehbacher
Chief
Executive
Officer

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Strategically Consistent and Financially Attractive

Acquisition for sanofi-aventis

Creates a meaningful new growth platform

Expands our footprint in biotechnology

Increases our U.S. presence

Bolts on to our existing business

Significantly contributes to our goal of sustainable earnings growth

Drives significant long-term value for our shareholders

Rationale for Genzyme
Henri A. Termeer
Chairman of the Board, President, CEO

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The Right Transaction for Genzyme, its
Shareholders, and Other Stakeholders
Represents a new beginning for Genzyme
Tremendous value recognized by sanofi-aventis
in our record of innovation
in our unique and pioneering approach to serving patients
Shared exciting vision of the future in which Genzyme and sanofi-
aventis will grow and innovate
Genzyme to help sanofi-aventis to grow and to innovate
Sanofi-aventis believes in what we do, our people and our
potential
Looking forward to building a sustainable future together

Transaction Overview
Jérôme Contamine
Executive Vice President, Chief
Financial Officer

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Sanofi-aventis to Acquire Genzyme

\$74.00

per share in cash plus contingent value right (CVR)

Risk / reward on Lemtrada

and sustained production of Cerezyme®

and Fabrazyme®

shared through CVR structure

CVR

security to be publicly traded

Transaction unanimously approved by both Boards of Directors

No financing conditions

Anti-trust clearance

already received in the U.S. and EU

Anticipated closing in **early Q2 2011**

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CVR Structure
(1)
Production Milestone
Approval Milestone
Sales Milestone #1
Sales Milestone #2
Sales Milestone #3
Sales Milestone #4
Cash Payments
\$1.00
per CVR
\$1.00
per CVR

\$2.00
per CVR
\$3.00
per CVR
\$4.00
per CVR
\$3.00
per CVR
Triggers
Paid if specified
Cerezyme®
/
Fabrazyme®
production levels are
met in 2011
Paid upon final
FDA approval
of Lemtrada
for
multiple sclerosis
(MS) indication
Paid if Lemtrada
net sales post launch
exceed an aggregate
of
\$400m
within four specified
quarters per territory
Paid if and when
Lemtrada
global
net sales exceed
\$1,800m
Paid if and when
Lemtrada
global
net sales exceed
\$2,300m
Paid if and when
Lemtrada
global
net
sales exceed
\$2,800m
Estimated
Timing of
Potential
Payments
Jan 2012
~H2 2012

~2014
2014-2020
2015-2020
2016-2020
Upside
potential
if Lemtrada
is
approved
for Multiple Sclerosis
to be
shared
between
Genzyme
and sanofi-aventis
shareholders
at
all levels
of sales performance
The CVR will
be
publicly
traded
on NASDAQ

(1)
Details are defined in the Merger Agreement and CVR Agreement to be filed with the SEC

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Genzyme Acquisition Delivers Significant Financial
Benefits
Revenue growth acceleration
Genzyme
to
benefit
from
sanofi-aventis
extensive
resources
and
experience in manufacturing
Significant Business EPS accretion expected:

Accretive in Year 1 after closing

Accretion of 0.75

to 1.00

by 2013

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Value-creating transaction:

Return on capital in excess of WACC expected by Year 2

Financial strength and flexibility maintained:

No change to sanofi-aventis

dividend policy

Strong free cash flow generated by combination

Strong investment grade credit ratings maintained

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At exchange rate of 1 = \$1.30

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Transaction valued at \$20.1bn, excluding CVR component
Net
cash
position
of
Genzyme:
~\$800m
by
end
of
2010
Fully financed upfront cash transaction
Bridge

facilities

(\$10bn

to

be

refinanced

by

bond

issuance

and

\$5bn

to be refinanced by cash flow)

Cash and/or issuance of commercial paper

Attractive cost of debt: 2.5% to 3%

Additional existing syndicated revolving credit facilities (13bn)

Sanofi-aventis

Has Already Secured Acquisition

Financing

Next Steps
Christopher A. Viehbacher
Chief
Executive
Officer

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A Clear Path Forward given Antitrust Clearance
already Granted in the U.S. and EU
Q1
Q2
Q3
Legal process
Tender offer, CVR registration
Feb 16
Merger
announcement
Early Q2
Anticipated
closing

Planning
Integration
Mid Feb
Kick-off
Legal
process
Pre-integration
process
Integration
process
Day 1
2011

Q&A