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Press release

Dipharma Receives Favourable Court Decision Regarding Generic Allegra®

Dipharma Francis S.r.l. announced today that the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey has issued a judgment in its favor concerning its litigation over the Company's manufacture and sale of Fexofenadine HCl, the active pharmaceutical ingredient used in its customers' generic versions of Allegra®.

The Court granted Dipharma's motion that neither Dipharma nor its subsidiary Amino Chemicals Ltd. infringes U.S. Patent No. 5,750,703. The Court also dismissed claims against Dipharma and Amino Chemicals for infringement of U.S. Patent No. 5,581,011.

"We are very satisfied with this decision, which confirms the previous Courts' decisions on this case, as well as the solidity of our intellectual property position." commented Marc-Olivier Geinoz, Chief Executive Officer of Dipharma Francis S.r.l. *"I take this opportunity to thank our valued customers who trusted in us and have decided to launch generic versions of Allegra® on the U.S. market since 2005, as well as our employees and suppliers who have contributed greatly to this success."*

About Dipharma

With sales of EUR 120 mio. (USD 159 mio.) in 2010, the Dipharma Group is one of the leading European manufacturers of Bulk Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients having a portfolio of more than 50 products, with Drug Master Files lodged worldwide. Dipharma serves top ranking pharmaceutical companies in Europe, U.S.A. and Japan. Supported by a fully equipped R&D Centre, its core technologies are Nitration, Nitroesterification, Azide Chemistry, High Pressure Hydrogenation, Chiral Synthesis, Organometallic Chemistry and Enzymatic Processes.

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