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The following is a communication to employees.

Transaction update :Current and future business performance
from Goran Ando

In this update, I'd like to review briefly our current business performance in Pharmacia, look at some of the expectations we should have about the new Pfizer business and finally give you an update on the status of corporate and R&D transition/integration activities.

PHARMACIA CURRENT BUSINESS PERFORMANCE

Despite the challenges facing the industry in general and our own specific challenges with the loss of Ambien, Pharmacia is continuing to show competitive increases in sales growth and earnings per share growth in 2002.

There are many individual product successes that are contributing to this. For example :

- The COX-2 market is showing continued differentiation and market share for the Pharmacia portfolio has now risen to 62%, with Vioxx now down to 38%.
- Xalatan, with a 27% marketshare continues to hold off the challenges of the Alphagan franchise and also Lumigan and Travatan.
- Zyvox continues to grow strongly, with the US sales since launch increasing at a faster rate than the benchmark product in this area, Primaxin.
- Other products such as Camptosar and Detrol are also continuing to help drive performance.

Overall, it's clear that our commercial colleagues are maintaining an excellent focus on delivering our business objectives. And as always, continuing this success - whether in R&D, GPB or elsewhere - is what will create the greatest value moving forward.

PFIZER : FUTURE BUSINESS PERFORMANCE

Looking ahead we should have the same very positive sense about the future of the new Pfizer organisation. There is every indication that bringing together two fast-growing, high performance companies will produce an extremely strong, highly competitive organisation.

The pharma product portfolio will be unequalled in the industry, with no less than 14 major products that are number one in their field. Also, there are important opportunities for synergies.

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Examples in the prescription pharma business include optimising the commercialisation of eplerenone, the bringing together of the two companies strengths in oncology and opening the way for more effective utilisation of the sales force through a wider range of product offerings.

Elsewhere, other examples include the combining of existing strong businesses in Animal Health and Consumer Healthcare.

The risk associated with patent exposure of the combined companies' product portfolio is also low and of course the strength of the combined R&D organisation - both in terms of its portfolio and it's ability to attract new technology and development partners - is considerable.

And as the process of describing the business rationale to the outside world has continued, it's clear that these significant opportunities are now being better and better understood by the investment community and healthcare organisations.

TRANSITION/INTEGRATION

As you will have seen, the leaders of the various transition teams met earlier this week to continue integration planning. Some important points that I'd like to emphasise in this regard are as follows:

- There was a consistently supportive, constructive and sensitive approach from all the participants that recognised very clearly that this is an uncertain time for many people.
- Pfizer has clearly paid a great deal of attention to making sure that the integration is well-organised and well-run and ensuring that things happen in a timely fashion.
- Decision-making will be managed through Pfizer's current governance mechanisms - their Division Heads (such as Peter Corr for R&D) and the Pfizer Leadership Team.
- As part of this activity, we are currently focusing on understanding the high-level differences between the Pfizer and Pharmacia organisational structures, so that the transition work plan can be appropriately mapped out.
- We should understand that Pharmacia will be moving into the Pfizer "footprint". And so, while the opportunity will be taken for identifying any possible organisational/process improvements, we should expect that by and large the Pfizer model will be followed.
- For R&D, Bob Karr (Transition Team leader for R&D) has set up a team within Pfizer that is in the process of drafting a summary work plan for the R&D integration, which will probably be available for initial review by the end of this month. Peter and I will then review this draft and after which we should soon be in a position to communicate the plan and start implementation.

As well as the above activities, I've personally had the opportunity to meet not only with our Singapore Development Team, but also with several of our key collaborators including Celltech and the Karolinska institute.

As with our other internal staff and external partners, the objective here is to do all we can to keep our focus on business delivery while at the same time, having an appropriate understanding of where we are in the transition process.

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In conclusion, let me underline a few key points.

- Firstly, I continue to be impressed by the way in which R&D is delivering on business objectives - a very, very, professional performance.
- Secondly, I hope you can start to see some of the sense of excitement that surrounds the new Pfizer company.
- Thirdly, the planning for integration is clearly going well and I remain very positive about the type of process we will see
- Finally, as always, thank you again for your efforts : these are truly appreciated.

With best regards,

Goran Ando

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