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Conference Call Speakers

sanofi-aventis

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

(1)

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