On 24 April 2008 the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) adopted a positive opinion to recommend the variation to the terms of the marketing authorisation for the medicinal product MIMPARA. The Marketing Authorisation Holder for this medicinal product is Amgen Europe B.V.

The CHMP adopted a new indication as follows:

“Reduction of hypercalcaemia in patients with primary hyperparathyroidism (HPT), for whom parathyroidectomy would be indicated on the basis of serum calcium levels (as defined by relevant treatment guidelines), but in whom parathyroidectomy is not clinically appropriate or is contraindicated”.

Detailed conditions for the use of this product will be described in the updated Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC) which will be published in the revised European Public Assessment Report (EPAR) and will be available in all official European Union languages after the variation to the marketing authorisation has been granted by the European Commission.

For information, the full indications for MIMPARA will be as follows:

Treatment of secondary hyperparathyroidism (HPT) in patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) on maintenance dialysis therapy.

Mimpara may be used as part of a therapeutic regimen including phosphate binders and/or Vitamin D sterols, as appropriate (see section 5.1).

Reduction of hypercalcaemia in patients with:

- parathyroid carcinoma.
- primary HPT for whom parathyroidectomy would be indicated on the basis of serum calcium levels (as defined by relevant treatment guidelines), but in whom parathyroidectomy is not clinically appropriate or is contraindicated.

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* Summaries of positive opinion are published without prejudice to the Commission Decision, which will normally be issued within 44 days (Type II variations) and 67 days (Annex II applications) from adoption of the Opinion.

** Marketing Authorisation Holders may request a re-examination of any CHMP opinion, provided they notify the EMEA in writing of their intention to request a re-examination within 15 days of receipt of the opinion.

*** The text in bold represents the new or the amended indication.