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To: Dr. Eric ABADIE (CHMP Chairman)
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Chilly-Mazarin, November 14th, 2008

Subject: Withdrawal of TAXOTERE® (docetaxel), 20 mg/0.5 ml and 80 mg/2 ml, concentrate and solvent for solution for infusion (EU/1/95/002/001-002), EMEA/H/C/0073/II/083

Dear Dr. Abadie,

Sanofi-aventis has made the decision to withdraw the aforementioned application for the new indications for TAXOTERE:

"Doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide followed by Taxotere (docetaxel) in combination with trastuzumab (AC→TH) is indicated for the adjuvant treatment of patients with operable breast cancer whose tumours overexpress HER2."

"Taxotere (docetaxel) in combination with trastuzumab and carboplatin (TCH) is indicated for the adjuvant treatment of patients with operable breast cancer whose tumours overexpress HER2."

The withdrawal is based on the following reason:
The CHMP's opinion that the study design did not adequately define the contribution of Taxotere.

We reserve the right to make further submissions at a future date in this or other therapeutic indication(s).

We agree for this letter to be published on the EMEA website.

Yours sincerely,

Sanofi-aventis
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