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Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, Response on European Commission Statement of Objections

Darmstadt, Germany, July 6, 2017 – Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, today confirmed receipt of a Statement of Objections from the European Commission (EC) related to a packaging technology in development by Sigma-Aldrich, at the time it was acquired by Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, in 2015. Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, will review the information provided by the EC and provide its written response to the EC in due course. Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, has acted in good faith since the anti-trust process has begun, and it is committed to a constructive dialogue with the EC. Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, is confident this issue will be resolved in a satisfactory manner. As this process is ongoing, Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, has no further comment at this time.

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