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For November 2002

AstraZeneca PLC

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AstraZeneca PLC

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

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- 1. Press release entitled, "Omeprazole Patent Litigation AstraZeneca to appeal US Court's Judgment relating to KUDCo and Schwarz Pharma", dated 5 November 2002.
- Press release entitled "AstraZeneca's New Statin, Crestor, Receives First Approval in Europe" dated 7 November 2002.
- 3. Press release entitled "AstraZeneca Reports Significant Progress

Across Its Promising Research and Development Portfolio" dated 7 November 2002.

- 4. Press release entitled "Repurchase of Shares in AstraZeneca PLC" dated 11 November 2002.
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

AstraZeneca PLC

Date: 1 December 2002 By: /s/ G H R Musker

Name: G H R Musker

Title: Company Secretary & Solicitor

Item 1

OMEPRAZOLE PATENT LITIGATION - ASTRAZENECA TO APPEAL US COURT'S JUDGMENT RELATING TO KUDCO AND SCHWARZ PHARMA

AstraZeneca's initial detailed review of the Court's 11th October 2002 opinion relating to KUDCo and Schwarz Pharma has revealed that the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, made reversible errors in determining key facts and applying the law. AstraZeneca has therefore decided to appeal the portions of the Court's judgment relating to KUDCo and Schwarz Pharma.

5 November 2002

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Item 2

ASTRAZENECA'S NEW STATIN, CRESTOR(TM), RECEIVES FIRST APPROVAL IN EUROPE Other European markets should follow in 2003

AstraZeneca announced today it has received the first approval for CRESTOR(TM) (rosuvastatin) 10-40~mg from the Medicines Evaluation Board (MEB) in the Netherlands for the management of primary hypercholesterolaemia and mixed dyslipidaemia.

Sir Tom McKillop, Chief Executive of AstraZeneca, said, "We are delighted to have received this first approval of CRESTOR, which represents another milestone for the company. CRESTOR is an outstanding product that will enable more patients across the world to reach their target LDL cholesterol levels, and aid in the global fight against coronary heart disease."

The Netherlands MEB will act as the Reference Member State for the European Mutual Recognition Procedure leading to further approvals in 16 other countries in Europe--beginning in the first half of 2003. CRESTOR is also awaiting approval in the USA, Japan and in other markets.

The clinical development programme for CRESTOR now involves over 15,000 patients and includes a number of head-to-head comparative studies. In multiple clinical studies, CRESTOR has been shown to be more effective in lowering LDL-cholesterol (LDL-C or 'bad' cholesterol) than the currently prescribed statins. It has demonstrated reductions of 52% to 63% across the dose range, and compared to the same doses of atorvastatin, CRESTOR provided a significant 8.4% greater reduction in LDL-C. CRESTOR 10mg gets significantly more patients to their European LDL-C goal than atorvastatin 10mg (82% v 51% respectively), simvastatin 20mg (80% v 48%) and pravastatin 20mg (80% v 16%). In addition to the dramatic reductions seen in LDL-C, CRESTOR

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produces a significant increase in HDL-C ('good' cholesterol), as well as reducing total cholesterol and triglycerides.

The excellent efficacy of CRESTOR, together with a safety profile, which the company believes is comparable to the marketed statins, will position CRESTOR as a highly effective competitor in the global statin market, estimated to be worth more than \$18 billion and growing at a rate of about 20 per cent annually.

Dr Hamish Cameron, Vice President and Head of Cardiovascular Therapy Area at AstraZeneca, said, "Despite many medical advances, hypercholesterolaemia remains poorly controlled. Approximately half of the people on cholesterol lowering therapy are still not reaching their cholesterol targets and are at risk of heart attacks and strokes. With the efficacy we've seen in clinical studies, CRESTOR could make a real difference to these patients' lives."

A copy of the English version of the approved label for CRESTOR(TM) in The Netherlands (rosuvastatin) can be found at www.astrazeneca.com/redirector/index.asp?id=6

Details on the approval of CRESTOR(TM) (rosuvastatin) will be provided by Dr Hamish Cameron at 08.30 GMT today as a part of the company's Annual Business Review. Dial in details for this event can be found at www.astrazeneca.com/redirector/index.asp?id=5

AstraZeneca is a major international healthcare business engaged in the research, development, manufacture and marketing of ethical (prescription) pharmaceuticals and the supply of healthcare services. It is one of the top five pharmaceutical companies in the world with healthcare sales of over \$16.4 billion and leading positions in sales of gastrointestinal, oncology, anaesthesia including pain management, cardiovascular, central nervous system (CNS) and respiratory products. AstraZeneca has more than 40 years experience in cardiovascular medicine and aims to increase lifespan and improve quality of life by reducing the

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comprehensive cardiovascular portfolio including CRESTOR, ATACAND, ZESTRIL, TENORMIN, SELOKEN ZOK/TOPROL XL AND PLENDIL. This heritage is complemented by an innovative pipeline including the first oral direct thrombin inhibitor, EXANTA, and a novel treatment for type 2 diabetes / metabolic syndrome, GALIDA.

7 November 2002

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Notes to editors:

Coronary heart disease (CHD) is a major cause of morbidity and the leading cause of death in the Western world. LDL-C is the most significant contributory risk factor to atherosclerosis, a common cause of CHD and elevated levels of cholesterol is one of the most important risk factors in predicting CHD risk in the population.

AstraZeneca licensed worldwide rights to CRESTOR from Shionogi & Co Ltd, Osaka, Japan, the company that discovered the drug, in April 1998. AstraZeneca carried out a comprehensive clinical development programme leading to submission.

CRESTOR, ATACAND, ZESTRIL, TENORMIN, SELOKEN ZOK/TOPROL XL, PLENDIL, EXANTA and GALIDA are Trade Marks of the AstraZeneca group of companies.

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Item 3

ASTRAZENECA REPORTS SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ACROSS ITS PROMISING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO

AstraZeneca today updated analysts on the company's late stage development products and projects; the progress of earlier stage products, notably in the cardio-vascular and oncology therapeutic areas; and the improved productivity in drug discovery, at its annual business review meeting in Alderley Park, Cheshire, UK, a centre of excellence for Oncology Research and Development at AstraZeneca.

Late Stage Development Progress and Product Line Extensions

- O CRESTOR has received its first approval in The Netherlands, and will enter European Mutual Recognition Procedure in December. The US NDA will be supplemented with a data package in 1Q 2003; the Japan NDA was submitted in 20 2002.
- o EXANTA is set to be the first new oral anticoagulant for 50 years:
 - o The first indication in prevention of venous thromboembolism (VTE) in patients undergoing orthopaedic surgery was filed in Europe in July

2002.

- o Positive top-line results in the EXULT A study (confirming EXANTA's efficacy in preventing VTE when compared to warfarin in US patients) announced today will support the US filing for prevention of VTE in orthopaedic surgery, scheduled for 4Q 2003.
- o The main chronic indication, the prevention of stroke in patients with atrial fibrillation, based on the SPORTIF trials, will be filed in the US and Europe in 4Q 2003.
- o Encouraging data from THRIVE III, the first study to report using EXANTA in a chronic indication, were announced today and showed a significant reduction in VTE events and no difference in bleeding when compared to placebo. The study used a fixed dose of EXANTA without the need for coagulation monitoring, which is normally required for warfarin. A further indication for the treatment of VTE, based on the THRIVE studies, will also be filed in Europe in 4Q 2003.
- o Full details of EXULT A and THRIVE III will be presented at the American Society of Hematology meeting in Philadelphia in December 2002.
- o IRESSA, the first epidermal growth factor receptor inhibitor, is already approved in Japan. In the US, IRESSA is under active review by the FDA, following a positive US Oncology Drugs Advisory Committee (ODAC) recommendation. A further ODAC meeting is not anticipated. The European filing is now scheduled for 1Q 2003.
- The completion of the EU Mutual Recognition Procedure for approval of ARIMIDEX in early breast cancer, a significant market opportunity, was announced today. An approval has been granted in the UK and other European approvals (Austria, Germany, Italy, Portugal and Spain) will follow. ARIMIDEX was approved for early breast cancer in 3Q 2002 in the US, and other reviews are ongoing in the rest of world.
- o CASODEX is now approved for early prostate cancer (EPC) in 26 markets. An EPC indication for CASODEX in the US will be the subject of a US ODAC meeting scheduled for December 18th.
- o FASLODEX has been approved for second-line treatment of breast cancer in the US. European submission for this indication is scheduled for 2003, while the Japanese submission is under consideration.
- o NEXIUM is growing strongly with sales of \$1.6 billion (MAT 3Q). New indications for treatment of NSAID GI side effects and a new parenteral formulation for the hospital setting will be submitted for approval in 2Q 2003.
- o SEROQUEL, now a \$1 billion brand, has demonstrated efficacy in treating bipolar disease (mania). Filing for this indication is scheduled for 1Q 2003 in the US and Europe.
- o Promising results for SYMBICORT in the treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) (a \$2.9 billion global market) were announced, supporting the filing submitted to the EU earlier in 2002.
- o Additional significant line extensions are planned for FASLODEX, IRESSA,

EXANTA, ATACAND, SEROQUEL and CRESTOR.

New Cancer Therapies

- o Further information was provided on new cancer therapies that target tumour growth mechanisms:
 - o ZD6474, an anti-angiogenic, in phase II development, and AZD2171, another anti-angiogenic in phase I development, both target the growth of blood vessels of tumours.
 - o ZD6126, a vascular targeting agent that will soon enter phase II development, targets and destroys the vasculature of tumours, working to destroy the tumour from within.
 - o AZD4054, an endothelin antagonist in phase II development, works by inhibiting the ETA receptor, which is responsible for tumour cell proliferation.
 - o AZD0530, an anti-invasive designed to prevent tumours from spreading, will enter clinical testing in 2Q 2003.
 - o AZD3409, a prenylation inhibitor designed to inhibit proliferation of cancer cells, will enter clinical testing in 2Q 2003.

New Cardiovascular Therapies

- o Positive phase II data has been generated with GALIDA (AZ242), a new treatment for type II diabetes.
- o AZD6140, an anti-platelet approach to prevent blood clots (which can lead to heart attacks and strokes) is currently in phase I development.
- o AZD7009, a new treatment for atrial fibrillation, is also now in phase I development.

New CNS/Pain Therapies

- o Phase III clinical trials for NXY-059, a novel neuroprotectant for acute stroke, will commence in early 2003.
- o Encouraging clinical data was presented on AZD3582, the first Cox Inhibiting Nitric Oxide Donator (CINOD) for pain control, further demonstrating its attractive efficacy and side effect profile, versus COX-2 selective NSAID's.

The full AstraZeneca development pipeline update is attached.

Drug Discovery Enhancements

- O Candidate drug (CD) delivery has increased by 20 per cent in the last three years—one quality CD is now entering preclinical development each month
- o The number of CD's that have progressed to clinical development has doubled this year.
- o To increase the likelihood that CD's will progress through late-stage

development to market, AstraZeneca is:

- o Bringing new aspects of clinical medicine to the drug discovery process--enabling better understanding of human diseases and how future drugs will work to prevent and treat those diseases.
- o Front-loading risk in clinical development by introducing more stringent safety and drug metabolism/pharmacokinetic (DMPK) testing earlier--allowing for early identification of CD's that will not succeed.
- o 200 new collaborations with leading academic centres and biotech companies have been initiated in 2002, supporting AstraZeneca's drug discovery strategy.

Tom McKillop, Chief Executive, AstraZeneca, said:

"The transformation of AstraZeneca's product portfolio continues apace with today's significant news of CRESTOR's first approval in Europe; progress with other late stage development projects; and the announcement of a raft of exciting new compounds in early development. A changing external environment and the rapid adoption of new technologies are combining to provide new challenges for the pharmaceutical industry, but they will also bring new

opportunities. We are driving productivity not only in R&D, but also in our overall business—bringing forward new indications for our key growth products and enhancing our sales forces effectiveness. By operating in a creative, fast and efficient manner, I am confident that AstraZeneca will continue to deliver important new medicines and deliver top—tier financial performance."

Jan Lundberg, Executive Vice President, Head of Global Discovery Research, in an overview of the company's discovery strategy said:

"With the research environment increasingly focused on finding disease relevant mechanisms combined with a plethora of fantastic new technologies, AstraZeneca is working as one global team to improve the predictability of drug discovery. We are introducing elements of clinical development in the earliest stages of our activities to make our research as relevant to man as possible, and using the latest technology for the early identification of projects unlikely to succeed in development. These actions will result in a much better ratio of CD's reaching the market. AstraZeneca has already been able to deliver a fruitful pipeline that is admired across the industry, and we will continue to populate that pipeline with novel quality compounds to provide added value and benefits to patients worldwide, faster than ever before."

Martin Nicklasson, Executive Vice President, Head of Clinical Development, in an overview of the AstraZeneca portfolio said:

"AstraZeneca's key growth products have delivered strong business performances in the past year, and will continue to as their indications are broadened through aggressive life-cycle management programmes. Underpinning an already impressive portfolio of products in our key therapeutic areas, we are happy to announce the progression of several promising early-stage research projects including NXY-059, a novel neuroprotectant agent for stroke, GALIDA, a new treatment for type II diabetes and lipid disorders, and our CINOD, AZD3582, a new treatment for pain. These projects along with a score of others will ensure the future success of AstraZeneca as a global leader in pharmaceutical research and development."

7 November 2002

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For copies of the presentations from today's annual business review, please visit www.astrazeneca.com.

This press release contains forward-looking statements with respect to AstraZeneca's business. By their nature, forward-looking statements and forecasts involve risks and uncertainties because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will occur in the future. There are a number of factors that could cause actual results and developments to differ materially. For a discussion of those risks and uncertainties, please see the company's Annual Report/Form 20-F for 2001.

TRADE MARKS

The following brand names are trade marks of the AstraZeneca group of companies:

ARIMIDEX, ATACAND, CASODEX, CRESTOR, EXANTA, FASLODEX, GALIDA, IRESSA, NEXIUM, SYMBICORT, SEROQUEL.

> AstraZeneca Development Pipeline: NCEs and line extensions 7 November 2002

Gastrointestinal

NCE's

Compound	Mechanism	Areas under investigation	Phase
AZD0865 (was AR-H044277)	Reversible acid pump inhibitor	Acid related GI disease	I
AZD3355	Inhibitor of transient lower esophageal sphincter relaxations (TLESR)	Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)	I

Line Extensions

Nexium(R)	Proton pump inhibitor	Treatment of NSAID GI Side effects	III
Nexium(R)	Proton pump inhibitor	Parenteral formulation	III
Nexium(R)	Proton pump inhibitor	Prevention of NSAID GI Side effects	III
Nexium(R)	Proton pump inhibitor	disease	
Cardiovascular			
Cardiovascular			
NCE's			
Crestor(TM)	Statin	Hyperlipidemia	III
Crestor(TM)	Statin	Atheroma	III
Crestor(TM)	Statin	Outcomes	III
Exanta(TM)(melagatran)	Thrombin inhibitor (s.c)	Prevention of VTE	III
Exanta(TM)(H376/95)	Thrombin inhibitor	Prevention of VTE	III
Exanta(TM)(H376/95)	Thrombin inhibitor	Prevention of stroke in AF	III
Exanta(TM)(H376/95)	Thrombin inhibitor	Treatment of VTE	III
Exanta(TM)(H376/95)	Thrombin inhibitor	Arterial/Post MI	II
AZ242	PPAR agonist	Diabetes /Metabolic Syndrome	II
AZD6140	ADP antagonist	Arterial thrombosis	I
AZD7009	Atrial Repolarisation Delaying Agent (ARDA)	Atrial Fibrillation	I
AZD9684	CPU inhibitor	Thrombosis	PC
AZD0837	Thrombin inhibitor	Thrombosis	PC
AZD7806	IBAT inhibitor	Dyslipidaemia	PC
Line Extensions			
Atacand(R)	Angiotensin II antagonist		
Atacand(R)	Angiotensin II antagonist	CHF outcomes	III

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Atacand(R)	Angiotensin II antagonist	Diabetic retinopathy	III	
Toprol-XL(R)	Beta-blocker	HCTZ combination	III	
	riation to existing label.			
CNS				
NCE's				
Compound	Mechanism	Areas under investigation	Phase	
NXY-059	Free radical trapping agent		III	
ZD 0947	K+ channel opener	Overactive bladder	II	
AR-A2	5HT1(beta) antagonist	Anxiety/Depression	I	
AZD1134	5HT1(beta) antagonist	Anxiety/Depression	PC	
AZD5106	NK-2 antagonist	Overactive bladder	PC	
AZD4750	Chemokine receptor antagonist	Multiple sclerosis	PC	
Tino Eutonoiona				
	D0/Film0			
		Granules	III	
Seroquel(R)	D2/5HT2 antagonist	Sustained release	III	
Seroquel(R)	D2/5HT2 antagonist	Mania	III	
Zomig(R)	5-HT1B/1D receptor agonist		III	
Oncology				
NCE's				
Faslodex(R)	Oestrogen Receptor Antagonist	2nd line Advanced breast cancer	III	
Faslodex(R)	Oestrogen Receptor Antagonist	1st line Advanced breast cancer	III	
Iressa(R)	EGFR-TK inhibitor	NSCLC	III	
ZD6474	Angiogenesis inhibitor (Vascular endothelial cell growth factor receptor tyrosine kinase	Solid tumours	II	

inhibitor)

ZD4054	Endothelin A receptor antagonist	Solid tumours	II
ZD6126	Vascular targeting agent	Solid tumours	I
AZD2171	Angiogenesis inhibitor (Vascular endothelial cell growth factor receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitor)	elial cell growth factor haematological malignancies or tyrosine kinase	
AZD3409	Farnesyl-transferase inhibitor (FAR)	Solid tumours	PC
AZD0530	Non-receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitor	Solid tumours	PC
AZD4440	Vascular targeting agent	Solid tumours	PC
Line Extensions			
Compound	Mechanism	Areas under investigation	
Arimidex(R)		Adjuvant Breast Cancer	III
Casodex(R)	Anti-androgen	Early Prostate Cancer	III
Zoladex(R)	LHRH agonist	Pre-menopausal Adjuvant Breast Cancer	III
Iressa(R)	EGFR-TK inhibitor	Head & Neck cancer	III
Iressa(R)	EGFR-TK inhibitor	Breast cancer	II
Iressa(R)	EGFR-TK inhibitor	Colorectal cancer	II
Respiratory and Inf	lammation		
AZD2315	Immuno modulator	Rheumatoid Arthritis*	II
AZD4407	5-lipoxygenase inhibitor	COPD	I
AZD9056	Ion channel blocker	Rheumatoid Arthritis*	I
AZD8309	Chemokine receptor antagon	ist Rheumatoid Arthritis*	PC
AZD7140	Chemokine receptor antagon	ist Rheumatoid Arthritis*	PC
AZD3342	Protease Inhibitor	COPD	PC

AZD0275	Chemokine receptor antagonist	COPD	PC
AZD0902	Ion channel blocker	COPD	PC
AZD8955	Collagenase inhibitor		PC
*First indication; use in oth	ner diseases eg. COPD under cons	ideration.	
Line Extensions			
Symbicort(R)Turbuhaler(R)	<pre>Inhaled steroid/fast onset, long-acting (beta)2 agonist</pre>	COPD	III
Symbicort(R)Turbuhaler(R)	<pre>Inhaled steroid/fast onset, long-acting (beta)2 agonist</pre>	Single therapy for asthma	III
Symbicort(R)pMDI	<pre>Inhaled steroid/fast onset, long-acting (beta)2 agonist</pre>	Asthma	III
Oxis(R)Turbuhaler(R)	Long-acting (beta)2 agonist	COPD	III
Oxis(R)pMDI	Long-acting (beta)2 agonist	Asthma	III

Pain Control

NCE	•	S
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Merrem(R)

NCE's			
Compound	Mechanism	Areas under investigation	Phase
AZD3582	COX inhibiting nitric oxide donator		II
AZD4282	NMDA Antagonist	Neuropathic pain	PC
AZD 4717	COX inhibiting nitric oxide donator	Acute/chronic nociceptive pain	PC
Line Extensions			
Naropin(R)	Sodium channel blocker	Spinal anaesthesia	III
Infection			
Line Extensions			

Carbapenem antibiotic Skin and soft tissue

III

infections

	AstraZeneca	Development	Pipeline:	Discontinued Projects	
GI					
	Compound			Mechanism	
Rofleponide		0	ral steroi	d	
CV					
(Compound			Mechanism	
AZD7545			DK Inhibit	or	
Respiratory	and Inflamma	ation			
(Compound			Mechanism	
Rofleponide			ntranasal :	steroid	
Infection					
(Compound			Mechanism	
 Merrem(R)for	use in neut	ropenics C	arbapenem a	antibiotic	

Comments

As disclosure of compound information is balanced by the business need to maintain competitive advantage, some compound information has not been disclosed at this time.

Compounds in development are displayed by phase.

Abbreviations:

 $\mbox{PC}\ \mbox{--}$ Pre-clinical: Candidate Drug accepted for development but not yet administered to man.

MAA - Marketing Authorisation Application (Europe)

NDA - New Drug Application (USA)

7 November 2002

Item 4

REPURCHASE OF SHARES IN ASTRAZENECA PLC

AstraZeneca PLC announces that on 8 November 2002, it purchased for cancellation 15,000 ordinary shares of AstraZeneca PLC at a price of 2392 pence per share. Upon the cancellation of these shares, the number of shares in issue will be 1,725,357,312.

G H R Musker Company Secretary 11 November 2002

Item 5

REPURCHASE OF SHARES IN ASTRAZENECA PLC

AstraZeneca PLC announces that on 12 November 2002, it purchased for cancellation 20,000 ordinary shares of AstraZeneca PLC at a price of 2462 pence per share. Upon the cancellation of these shares, the number of shares in issue will be 1,725,337,312.

G H R Musker Company Secretary 13 November 2002

Item 6

ASTRAZENECA PLC - DIRECTORATE ANNOUNCEMENT

AstraZeneca PLC today announced that Ake Stavling will be leaving the Company on 31 January 2003. Ake Stavling is 58 and has been an Executive Director since April 1999. He played a key role in the integration of Astra and Zeneca following the merger in 1999 and since then has been responsible for Business Development. From 1993-1999 he was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Astra AB and before that held senior positions at Atlas Copco and Ericsson.

G H R Musker Company Secretary

14 November 2002

Item 7

REPURCHASE OF SHARES IN ASTRAZENECA PLC

AstraZeneca PLC announces that on 13 November 2002, it purchased for cancellation 650,000 ordinary shares of AstraZeneca PLC at a price of 2491 pence per share. Upon the cancellation of these shares, the number of shares in issue will be 1,724,696,765.

G H R Musker Company Secretary 14 November 2002

Item 8

REPURCHASE OF SHARES IN ASTRAZENECA PLC

AstraZeneca PLC announces that on 14 November 2002, it purchased for cancellation 300,000 ordinary shares of AstraZeneca PLC at a price of 2494 pence per share. Upon the cancellation of these shares, the number of shares in issue will be 1,724,396,765.

G H R Musker Company Secretary 15 November 2002

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REPURCHASE OF SHARES IN ASTRAZENECA PLC

AstraZeneca PLC announces that on 15 November 2002, it purchased for cancellation 250,000 ordinary shares of AstraZeneca PLC at a price of 2523 pence per share. Upon the cancellation of these shares, the number of shares in issue will be 1,724,146,765.

G H R Musker

Company Secretary 18 November 2002

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REPURCHASE OF SHARES IN ASTRAZENECA PLC

AstraZeneca PLC announces that on 20 November 2002, it purchased for cancellation 500,000 ordinary shares of AstraZeneca PLC at a price of 2470 pence per share. Upon the cancellation of these shares, the number of shares in issue will be 1,723,650,066.

G H R Musker Company Secretary 21 November 2002

Item 11

REPURCHASE OF SHARES IN ASTRAZENECA PLC

AstraZeneca PLC announces that on 21 November 2002, it purchased for cancellation 300,000 ordinary shares of AstraZeneca PLC at a price of 2503 pence per share. Upon the cancellation of these shares, the number of shares in issue will be 1,723,350,066.

G H R Musker Company Secretary 22 November 2002

Item 12

REPURCHASE OF SHARES IN ASTRAZENECA PLC

AstraZeneca PLC announces that on 22 November 2002, it purchased for cancellation 430,000 ordinary shares of AstraZeneca PLC at a price of 2484 pence per share. Upon the cancellation of these shares, the number of shares in issue will be 1,722,920,066.

G H R Musker Company Secretary 25 November 2002

Item 13

REPURCHASE OF SHARES IN ASTRAZENECA PLC

AstraZeneca PLC announces that on 25 November 2002, it purchased for cancellation 500,000 ordinary shares of AstraZeneca PLC at a price of 2430 pence per share. Upon the cancellation of these shares, the number of shares in issue will be 1,722,420,066.

G H R Musker Company Secretary 26 November 2002

Item 14

DEALING BY DIRECTORS
COMPANIES ACT 1985 SECTION 324/329

WE HEREBY INFORM YOU THAT, ON 25 NOVEMBER 2002, WE WERE NOTIFIED BY DR H L MOGREN, A DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY, THAT, ON 25 NOVEMBER 2002, HE SOLD OPTIONS OVER ASTRAZENECA PLC ORDINARY SHARES OF USD0.25 EACH AS FOLLOWS:-

NUMBER OF OPTIONS SOLD SALE PRICE PER DATE OF SALE

OPTION

9,217 67.59SEK 25.11.02

THESE OPTIONS WERE ORIGINALLY GRANTED TO DR MOGREN OVER SHARES IN ASTRA AB UNDER THE ASTRA SHAREHOLDER VALUE INCENTIVE PLAN AND WERE CONVERTED INTO OPTIONS OVER ORDINARY SHARES IN ASTRAZENECA PLC IN APRIL 1999. DETAILS OF THE UNDERLYING ASTRAZENECA SHARES OVER WHICH THE OPTIONS WERE HELD ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

CLOSING PRICE OF
NUMBER OF ASTRAZENECA SHARES EFFECTIVE OPTION PRICE ASTRAZENECA SHARES ON
OVER WHICH OPTIONS WERE HELD PER SHARE DATE OPTIONS WERE SOLD

12,400 298.28SEK 345SEK

FOLLOWING THESE TRANSACTIONS, DR MOGREN HOLDS OPTIONS OVER 204,425 ORDINARY SHARES OF ASTRAZENECA PLC.

G H R MUSKER COMPANY SECRETARY

26 NOVEMBER 2002

Item 15

REPURCHASE OF SHARES IN ASTRAZENECA PLC

AstraZeneca PLC announces that on 26 November 2002, it purchased for cancellation 300,000 ordinary shares of AstraZeneca PLC at a price of 2435 pence per share. Upon the cancellation of these shares, the number of shares in issue will be 1,722,120,066.

G H R Musker Company Secretary 27 November 2002

Item 16

REPURCHASE OF SHARES IN ASTRAZENECA PLC

AstraZeneca PLC announces that on 27 November 2002, it purchased for cancellation 100,110 ordinary shares of AstraZeneca PLC at a price of 2445 pence per share. Upon the cancellation of these shares, the number of shares in issue will be 1,722,763,772.

G H R Musker Company Secretary 28 November 2002

Item 17

REPURCHASE OF SHARES IN ASTRAZENECA PLC

AstraZeneca PLC announces that on 28 November 2002, it purchased for cancellation 125,000 ordinary shares of AstraZeneca PLC at a price of 2461 pence per share. Upon the cancellation of these shares, the number of shares in issue will be 1,722,638,772.

G H R Musker Company Secretary

29 November 2002