Sanofi Pasteur Ready to Support Public Health Efforts in Response to WHO Phase 6 Influenza Pandemic Alert

Lyon, France and Swiftwater, Pennsylvania – June 11, 2009 – Sanofi Pasteur, the vaccines division of sanofi-aventis Group (EURONEXT: SAN and NYSE: SNY), announces today it is ready to support public health efforts to respond to the emergence of the new A(H1N1) influenza strain following the decision made by the World Health Organization (WHO) to raise the pandemic alert level from Phase 5 to Phase 6, the highest level of alert in the WHO global influenza preparedness plan.

"By committing to develop and supply a vaccine against the new influenza A(H1N1) strain, Sanofi Pasteur supports the fight against pandemic influenza led by the WHO, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the United States, the European Institutions, the French Ministry of Health and other national and international health authorities around the world", said Wayne Pisano, President and CEO of Sanofi Pasteur. *"Sanofi Pasteur remains in continuous communication with these health authorities to help develop a tailored response to local public health needs".*

As the world's largest supplier of influenza vaccine, Sanofi Pasteur is currently implementing its internal pandemic preparedness plans to ensure its continued ability to fulfill its public health mission to produce the largest number of doses of vaccine in the shortest time frame to face the threat of pandemic influenza while maintaining the production of other life-saving vaccines.

The company received the new A(H1N1) seed virus from WHO International Reference Centers, and has begun preparation of a working seed to be used for vaccine production. Sanofi Pasteur currently estimates it will have the first bulk concentrate vaccine within four to six months. This vaccine would help prevent the spread of the new influenza A (H1N1) virus strain. Its availability would be subject to regulatory approval.

Sanofi Pasteur received an order from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on May 25, 2009 for the supply of an A(H1N1) influenza vaccine.

Sanofi Pasteur's response to the emergence of a new A(H1N1) influenza strain is to maintain flexibility in its influenza vaccine production. The company will continue to manufacture its seasonal influenza vaccine for the 2009/2010 Northern Hemisphere influenza season as recommended by the WHO. Production of seasonal influenza is still a priority as seasonal influenza is a very serious illness causing 250,000 to 500,000 deaths per year.

To provide information about Sanofi Pasteur's response to the emergence of the new A(H1N1) influenza virus strain, the company will be continuously updating its pandemic information internet site www.pandemic.influenza.com

Phase 6 is characterized by human-to-human spread of a pandemic influenza virus and community level outbreaks in at least two WHO regions of the world. Designation of this phase indicates that a global pandemic is under way, according to the WHO. However, Phase 6 is not an indication of the severity of the influenza pandemic.

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Sanofi Pasteur Influenza Vaccine Production

Sanofi Pasteur operates influenza vaccine production facilities in Swiftwater, Pennsylvania, United States, and Val de Reuil, France. All Sanofi Pasteur influenza vaccine facilities have been designed and built to be able to switch from seasonal influenza vaccine production to pandemic influenza vaccine production.

In Swiftwater, Sanofi Pasteur has two licensed influenza production facilities. On May 6, 2009, the FDA licensed Sanofi Pasteur's new influenza vaccine manufacturing facility in Swiftwater. When operating at full capacity, the new facility will have a capacity of approximately 100 million doses of seasonal influenza vaccine per year. An existing facility in Swiftwater is capable of producing 50 million doses per year and currently is producing vaccine for the 2009/2010 season. In total, the company will have a capacity equivalent to approximately 150 million doses of trivalent seasonal influenza vaccine per year in the United States when both facilities are operating at full capacity. The A(H1N1) production can occur in both Swiftwater facilities.

In Val De Reuil, Sanofi Pasteur is currently producing the trivalent seasonal influenza vaccine for the 2009/2010 season, with the capacity of 120 million doses per year. Sanofi Pasteur's production facility in Val De Reuil is also capable of producing the new A(H1N1) vaccine.

Sanofi Pasteur produces approximately 40 percent of the influenza vaccines distributed worldwide and in the United States produced more than 45 percent of the influenza vaccines distributed for the 2008/2009 influenza season. The company also has developed the first and only U.S.-licensed avian influenza vaccine for humans. More information about Sanofi Pasteur's pandemic preparedness efforts can be found at www.pandemic.influenza.com

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Sanofi Pasteur, the vaccines division of sanofi-aventis Group, provided more than 1.6 billion doses of vaccine in 2008, making it possible to immunize more than 500 million people across the globe. A world leader in the vaccine industry, Sanofi Pasteur offers the broadest range of vaccines protecting against 20 infectious diseases. The company's heritage, to create vaccines that protect life, dates back more than a century. Sanofi Pasteur is the largest company entirely dedicated to vaccines. Every day, the company invests more than EUR 1 million in research and development. For more information, please visit: www.sanofipasteur.com or www.sanofipasteur.us

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