

Filing of the 2009 U.S. Form 20-F and French “Document de Référence” and Annual Financial Report

Paris, France - March 12, 2010 - Sanofi-aventis (EURONEXT: SAN and NYSE: SNY) announced today the filing of its Form 20-F with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and its “*Document de Référence*” containing its Annual Financial Report with the French market regulator *Autorité des Marchés Financiers* (AMF).

These documents are available on the “Investors” page of the company’s corporate website: www.sanofi-aventis.com, under the heading “Regulated Information”. In addition, the Form 20-F is available on the website of the SEC (www.sec.gov) and the *Document de Référence* is available on the website of the AMF (www.amf-france.org). Shareholders may receive a hard copy of these documents, each of which contains our complete audited financial statements, free of charge, upon request.

About sanofi-aventis

Sanofi-aventis, a leading global pharmaceutical company, discovers, develops and distributes therapeutic solutions to improve the lives of everyone. Sanofi-aventis is listed in Paris (EURONEXT : SAN) and in New York (NYSE : SNY). For more information, visit: www.sanofi-aventis.us or www.sanofi-aventis.com.