Sanofi-aventis Confirms Quality and Supply of Plavix®, Iscover® and Clopidogrel Winthrop®

Paris, France – March 26, 2010 - Sanofi-aventis (EURONEXT: SAN, and NYSE: SNY), originator and manufacturer of Plavix® and Iscover® (clopidogrel hydrogen sulfate) confirms that all its clopidogrel-containing products, including Plavix® and Iscover®, are in full conformity with EMA requirements and are not concerned by the recall recommended yesterday by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) of certain generic clopidogrel products (clopidogrel besylate) in Europe. Iscover® is marketed by Bristol-Myers Squibb Company in certain EU markets.

Sanofi-aventis manufactures all of its clopidogrel-containing products for the European markets in the European Union in full compliance with the relevant rules and regulations in force, including Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP). Plavix®, Iscover® and Clopidogrel Winthrop® contain a clopidogrel hydrogen sulfate salt and are manufactured by sanofi-aventis in its GMP compliant sites (Sisteron, Neuville, Ambarès and Quétigny – France, and Fawdon - UK). Trombex® equally contains a clopidogrel hydrogen sulfate salt, sourced from sanofi-aventis' GMP compliant manufacturing sites at Hlohovec (Slovakia).

Plavix® (clopidogrel hydrogen sulfate) has been on the market for more than a decade. Clopidogrel is a life-saving medicine indicated for a broad range of atherothrombosis patients: ACS (STEMI, NSTEMI, UA, with or without stent), recent MI, recent stroke, and established PAD. Plavix® has an established efficacy and safety profile in the prevention of atherothrombotic events. It has been extensively studied in 4 large clinical trials involving more than 80,000 patients and prescribed to over 100 million patients worldwide. Throughout this period no quality related recalls have occurred.

About Plavix®

Plavix® is recommended daily for patients who have had a recent heart attack or stroke, or poor circulation in the legs that may cause pain during exercise, such as walking, and may be relieved by rest (known as peripheral artery disease, or P.A.D.). Plavix® is also recommended in addition to ASA for patients who have been hospitalized with heart-related chest pain (unstable angina) or had a heart attack.

For the most updated Plavix® labelling information in Europe please refer to:
http://www.emea.europa.eu/humandocs/PDFs/EPAR/Plavix/H-174-PI-en.pdf.

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).

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