Sanofi-aventis Announces Court Decision Resolving Eloxatin® U.S. Patent Litigation

- Eloxatin® Expected to Recover in the U.S. Market -

Paris, France – April 23, 2010 - Sanofi-aventis (EURONEXT:SAN and NYSE: SNY) announced today that Sun Pharmaceuticals will be required to cease selling its infringing generic version of Eloxatin® (oxaliplatin) on June 30, 2010 by order of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey. This order clarifies the previously announced Eloxatin® settlement agreements requiring all defendant generic manufacturers to cease sales of their infringing products as of that date – and resolves the litigation over certain formulations of oxaliplatin in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey and the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

This announcement follows a recent set of settlement agreements between sanofi-aventis and Debiopharm (licensor of the involved patent rights) and certain generic manufacturers, namely Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., Fresenius Kabi (formerly Dabur), Sandoz, Mayne/Hospira, MN/Par and Actavis, some of which are selling infringing generic oxaliplatin products. Under the terms of these settlement agreements, the generic manufacturers would cease selling their infringing generic oxaliplatin products in the U.S. from June 30, 2010, to August 9, 2012, at which time the generic manufacturers would be authorized to sell generic oxaliplatin products under a license, before expiry of the patents at issue. The rest of the settlement provisions are confidential. Moreover, all of the settlement provisions, including the dates noted above, are subject to contingencies.

The lawsuits relate to the quality and formulation of oxaliplatin, available in the U.S. under the brand name Eloxatin®. The settlement agreements are subject to review by the Federal Trade Commission, the U.S. Department of Justice and the Attorney General for the State of Michigan.

About sanofi-aventis

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

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of such products candidates, the absence of guarantee that the products candidates if approved will be commercially successful, the future approval and commercial success of therapeutic alternatives, the Group's ability to benefit from external growth opportunities as well as those discussed or identified in the public filings with the SEC and the AMF made by sanofi-aventis, including those listed under "Risk Factors" and "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" in sanofi-aventis' annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2009. Other than as required by applicable law, sanofi-aventis does not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking information or statements.