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Investors can obtain more information when the proxy statement and the Schedule 13E-3 become available. Investors should read the proxy statement and Schedule 13E-3 carefully when they become available before making any voting decision.

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Howard Pien & Joerg Reinhardt

Chiron and Novartis Merger: Regulatory Milestone Announced

Dear colleagues:

As announced, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission has granted early termination of the antitrust waiting period under the Hart-Scott -Rodino, giving Novartis a green light in the U.S. to proceed with the acquisition of the remaining stake in Chiron Corporation. The termination of this waiting period by the U.S. FTC satisfies one of the conditions for the completion of the transaction. This is an important milestone that puts us one step closer to our goal of building a global leader in vaccines and diagnostics together.

We are pleased with the FTC's prompt ruling and hope the remaining approvals, from the European Commission and Chiron shareholders, excluding Novartis, will be secured quickly. In the meantime, we will continue to swiftly plan for the new organization combining the vaccines and diagnostics business as well as the integration of the biopharmaceuticals and corporate services in Novartis.

We continue our planning with the goal of the transaction closing as anticipated early in the first half of 2006.

As we celebrate this first success together, it remains essential that we ensure business continuity in each company - we continue to operate as separate businesses under the guidelines set out in our integration planning. We welcome today's ruling, and look forward to building this new business together.

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Best regards,

Howard Pien

Joerg Reinhardt

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