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### Antimonopoly Bodies Study the Market of Innovative Medicines

According to a report of the Federal Antimonopoly Service of Russia (hereinafter “FAS”) posted on its website on 5 August 2008, FAS has begun an analysis of the Russian market for innovative medicines designated for seven principal areas of treatment (myeloleukemia, enzymopathy, pituitary nanism, haemophilia, disseminated sclerosis, mucoviscidosis, and transplantation).

FAS suspects that certain producers of medicines are deliberately limiting competition on the market, selling some of their drugs in Russia at prices that are unjustifiably higher than those abroad. The more expensive medicines being purchased under state programs appear to have FAS’ priority attention.

The report tells us that FAS has requested a number of foreign and Russian producers of medicines to provide information as to the volume of their sales of their patent protected innovative medicines.

It is expected that, once the results of this analysis are known, FAS will determine the market shares of producers and suppliers of medicines (primarily with respect to medicines designated for the above mentioned areas of treatment) and will thereby identify any producers holding a dominant position. It is also anticipated that certain producers of medicines as a result of this review may be added to the Register of Economic Entities that have a share of more than 35% of the Russian market, which, in turn, will give FAS the right to more rigorously regulate the activities of such companies, including their relationships with suppliers and distributors.

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