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Date: Monday, 22 November 1999

Dear Sirs,

Re: Hepatitis Litigation

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 17th November 1999 containing your pleadings. Obviously I have to take instructions and I will endeavour to get back to you before 30th November 1999. I note what you say about the hearing before Mr Justice Burton.

Yours faithfully

MRS ANITA JAMES
(Head of Litigation)