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URGENT - PLEASE PASS THIS TELEX IMMEDIATELY TO MR C R BISHOP

THIS IS THE STATEMENT WHICH WE PROPOSE TO PROVIDE TO THE CLOSED
BUSINESS MEETING TOMORROW.

'WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT ARMOUR PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY LIMITED HAS
WITHDRAWN ITS FACTORATE PRODUCTS FROM THE U.K. MARKET.

THE COMPANY HAS RELINQUISHED RELEVANT PRODUCT LICENCES.

THIS ACTION FOLLOWS CONSULTATION WITH THE DHSS AFTER NOTIFICATION ON
SEPTEMBER 29, 1986 BY A U.K. PHYSICIAN OF TWO CASES OF
SERO-CONVERSION TO HIV ANTIBODY POSITIVE, ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF
FACTORATE.

BOTH HAEMOPHILIACS HAD FOR SOME MONTHS BEEN TREATED WITH HEAT TREATED
FACTORATE WHICH WAS MANUFACTURED FROM PLASMA COLLECTED BEFORE THE
GENERAL AVAILABILITY OF THE HIV ANTIBODY SCREENING TEST.

ARMOUR WITHDREW FOR EXCHANGE ANY RESIDUAL STOCKS OF FACTORATE FROM
NON-SCREENED DONORS EARLIER THIS YEAR. THE CURRENT DECISION WAS MADE
EVEN THOUGH THE MATERIAL USED IN THE REPORTED CASES WAS NOT THAT
CURRENTLY ON THE MARKET, I.E. NOT DONOR SCREENED.

ARMOUR INTEND TO SUSTAIN THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROVISION OF
PRODUCTS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF HAEMOPHILIACS AND WILL DO ALL WE CAN
TO MINIMISE ANY ADVERSE EFFECTS OF THIS PRODUCT WITHDRAWAL.

REPRESENTATIVES OF ARMOUR PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY LIMITED WILL BE
PRESENT DURING TOMORROW'S SYMPOSIUM AND ARE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER
QUESTIONS TABLED IN ADVANCE AT THIS CLOSED BUSINESS MEETING.'

REGARDS.

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