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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN RE: VITAMINS ANTITRUST LITIGATION

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. v. Rhone-Poulenc S.A., et al.,
00 Civ. 0373 (S.D.N.Y.)

Misc. No. 99-CV-0197

MDL No. 1285

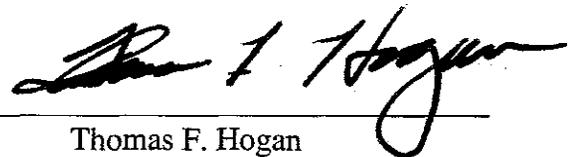
ORDER DISMISSING THE AVENTIS
DEFENDANTS WITH PREJUDICE

This matter being presented to the Court in connection with the unopposed motion of plaintiff Bristol-Myers Squibb Company ("BMS") to dismiss Aventis S.A., Aventis Animal Nutrition S.A., Aventis Animal Nutrition Inc., Aventis CropScience USA Inc., Rhone Poulenc Rorer Inc., Hoechst Marion Roussel S.A., and Roussel Corporation (the "Aventis Defendants") with prejudice,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Complaint in this action is dismissed with prejudice solely against the Aventis Defendants. This Order is without prejudice to BMS' claims against any other defendant or alleged co-conspirator in the above-captioned case.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 30, 2002



Thomas F. Hogan
United States District Judge