CANADA PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC DISTRICT OF QUÉBEC CITY SUPERIOR COURT (CLASS ACTION)

NO.: 200-06-000107-089

ANGÈLE BROUSSEAU

and

JEAN-CLAUDE PICARD

Petitioners

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ABBOTT LIMITED LABORATORIES

Respondent

SHORT NOTICE

October 17, 2011 (Article 1006 C.C.P.)

- 1. TAKE NOTICE that the bringing of a class action has been authorized on **July 27**, 2011 by judgment of the Superior Court of Québec against Abbott Laboratories Ltd. (hereinafter the Respondent), for the benefit of the natural persons forming part of the groups hereinafter described, namely:
 - "All natural persons domiciled and residing in the Province of Québec who have sustained, either as direct or indirect victims, damages resulting from side effects of psychiatric disorders induced by the drug Biaxin (clarithromycin) manufactured, commercialized, and distributed by the Respondent."
- 2. For the purposes of the class action, the status of Representatives has been ascribed to Ms. Angèle Brousseau and Mr. Jean-Claude Picard.
- Any member of the group who has not requested his exclusion in the manner hereinafter indicated will be bound by any judgment to be rendered on the class action.
- 4. The date after which a member can no longer request his exclusion without special permission has been set at sixty (60) days from the date of publication of the present notice.

- A member who has not already brought a suit in his own name may request
 his exclusion from the group by advising the clerk of the Superior Court of
 the district of Québec City by registered or certified mail before the expiry of
 the delay for exclusion.
- 6. Any member of the group who has brought a suit which the final judgment on the class action would decide will be deemed to have requested his exclusion from the group if he does not discontinue such suit before the expiry for the delay for exclusion.
- 7. The Court may permit a member to intervene in the class action if it considers such intervention useful to the group. An intervening member may be bound to submit to an examination on discovery or a medical examination at the request of the Respondent. A member who does not intervene in the class action can only be required to submit to an examination on discovery or a medical examination if the Court considers it useful.
- 8. The full version of this notice is available at the Superior Court Clerk Office of the Québec City Court House and on the class counsel's Web site (www.bga-law.com/biaxin). Should there be any discrepancy between the short notice to members and the full notice, the latter document will prevail.
- 9. For further information, please consult the full version of this notice, which is available at the Superior Court Clerk Office of the Québec City Court House, and/or contact counsel for the Representatives at

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