



Aventis Pharma Limited renamed 'Sanofi India Limited'

Mumbai, May 16, 2012: Sanofi Group's listed entity in India today announced that the Registrar of Companies had approved Company's change of name from Aventis Pharma Limited to 'Sanofi India Limited', with effect from May 11, 2012. The Shareholders of the Company had earlier approved the name change at the Annual General Meeting held on May 3, 2012.

Commenting on the name change, Dr. Shailesh Ayyangar, Managing Director, stated, "Just like Sanofi Group, the Company in India is also evolving and diversifying at the same time. The new name reflects Sanofi's ambition to become a diversified global healthcare leader focused on patients' needs, and the synergy between the Group and local entity."

The decision to change the name of the Group's listed entity in India comes a year after the name of the parent company was changed globally from <<sanofi-aventis>> to <<Sanofi>> in May 2011.

Dr. Shailesh Ayyangar further added that "the change in name of the listed entity to Sanofi India Limited will also provide a common identity to the Sanofi Group across the world."

In India, the Group's presence dates back to 1956, when the Company was incorporated as Hoechst-Fedco Pharma Private Limited. From thereon, the Company's name was changed to Hoechst Pharmaceuticals Private Limited; Hoechst India Limited; Hoechst Marion Roussel Limited and Aventis Pharma Limited in 1959, 1984, 1996 and 2001, respectively.

About Sanofi:

Sanofi, a global and diversified healthcare leader, discovers, develops and distributes therapeutic solutions focused on patients' needs. Sanofi has core strengths in the field of healthcare with seven growth platforms: diabetes solutions, human vaccines, innovative drugs, rare diseases, consumer healthcare, emerging markets and animal health. Sanofi is listed in Paris (EURONEXT: SAN) and in New York (NYSE: SNY)

Sanofi currently operates through five entities in India – Sanofi India Limited (formerly Aventis Pharma Limited), Sanofi-Synthelabo (India) Limited, Sanofi Pasteur India Private Limited, Shantha Biotechnics Limited and Genzyme India Private Limited.

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