UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Johnson & Johnson Consumer Companies, Inc.:Request for Patent Term Extension:U.S. Patent No. 4,911,932:INTERIM EXTENSION

Johnson & Johnson Consumer Companies, Inc., the owner of record in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) of U.S. Patent No. 4,911,932, filed an application for patent term extension under 35 U.S.C. § 156 on April 5, 2006. The extended term of the patent is due to expire on March 27, 2008. The patent claims the human drug product VUSION® Ointment, having the active ingredients miconazole nitrate, zinc oxide and white petrolatum, which was approved by the Food and Drug Administration for commercial marketing or use on February 15, 2006. An extension of five years is requested.

The initial USPTO review of the application to date indicates that the subject patent is eligible for extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. § 156. A final determination of the length of the extension of the patent term and issuance of a patent term extension certificate cannot be made until a final determination of the length of the regulatory review period is made. Because the extended term of the patent would expire before a certificate of patent term extension can be issued, an interim extension of the patent term is appropriate.

An interim extension under 35 U.S.C. § 156(e)(2) of the term of U.S. Patent No. 4,911,932 is granted for a period of one year from the extended expiration date of the patent.

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