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(12) CERTIFICATE EXTENDING PATENT TERM UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 156

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(95) PRODUCT : BENICAR® (olmesartan medoxomil)

This is to certify that an application under 35 U.S.C. § 156 has been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, requesting extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 5,616,599 based upon the regulatory review of the product BENICAR® (olmesartan medoxomil) by the Food and Drug Administration. Since it appears that the requirements of the law have been met, this certificate extends the term of the patent for the period of

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from April 1, 2014, the original expiration date of the patent, subject to the payment of maintenance fees as provided by law, with all rights pertaining thereto as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 156(b).

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