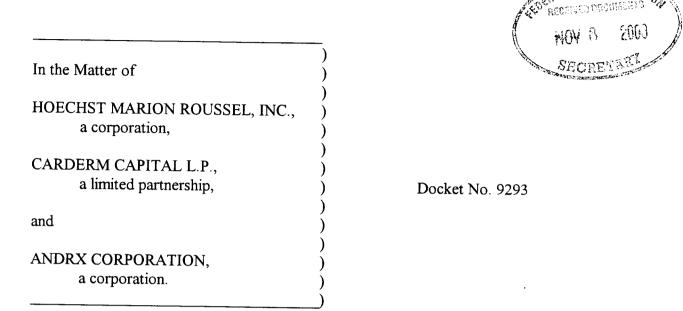
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION



ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE MOTIONS TO COMPEL CERTAIN DISCOVERY

Complaint Counsel and Respondent Aventis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Aventis"), formerly known as Hoechst Marion Roussel, Inc., filed a Joint Motion for Leave to File Motions to Compel Discovery. The parties to this dispute have represented that they have been discussing narrowing the scope of various issues relating to certain motions and expect to complete these discussions by November 9, 2000. Accordingly, the Joint Motion is GRANTED.

Complaint Counsel and Aventis have until November 13, 2000 to file, if necessary, the following motions to compel: (1) Complaint Counsel's Motion to Compel Aventis' Response to Requests for Admissions; (2) Aventis' Motion to Compel Complaint Counsel's Response to Admissions; and (3) Aventis' Motion to Compel Complaint Counsel's Response to Interrogatories.

ORDERED.

D. Michael Chappell 'Administrative Law Judge

Date: November 8, 2000