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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

IN RE: CLAIMS FOR VACCINE *
INJURIES RESULTING IN AUTISM *
SPECTRUM DISORDER, OR A SIMILAR *
NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER, *

Autism Master File

VARIOUS PETITIONER(S), *

**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE
ONE DAY LATE THE
REPLY BRIEF OF AMICUS CURIAE
AVENTIS PASTEUR INC.
IN SUPPORT OF MERCK & CO.'S
RESPONSE TO PETITIONERS'
MOTION TO ISSUE REVISED
THIRD PARTY SUBPOENA**

v. *

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND *
HUMAN SERVICES, *

Respondent. *

Comes now Amicus Curiae Aventis Pasteur Inc. ("Aventis"), by and through undersigned counsel, and hereby requests one additional day to file its reply brief in support of Merck & Co.'s Response to Petitioners' Motion to Issue Revised Third Party Subpoena. In support thereof, Aventis states as follows:

1. The Reply Brief of Amicus Curiae Aventis Pasteur Inc. was due to be filed on Monday, December 29, 2003.
2. Upon instruction of Aventis' counsel of record, Aventis' local counsel arranged for the Reply Brief to be filed on the aforesaid date by a paralegal within counsel's office.
3. Unbeknownst to local counsel, and for reasons as yet unknown, the paralegal tasked with the filing assignment failed to file the pleading in a timely fashion.

Local counsel is currently attempting to determine why the paralegal was unable to complete the filing.

4. With the filing of this Motion, Aventis is simultaneously filing its Reply Brief.
5. No party will be prejudiced by the relief requested in this Motion.

Wherefore, for the foregoing reasons, Aventis respectfully requests that its Motion be granted.

Respectfully submitted, this 30th day of December, 2003,

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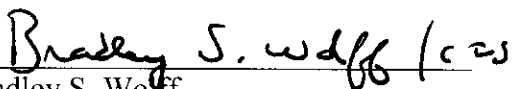
I hereby certify that I caused a copy of the foregoing pleading to be delivered by U.S. mail, with a courtesy copy by electronic mail, this 30th day of December, 2003 to:

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ORDER

Upon consideration of the Motion for Leave to File One Day Late the Reply Brief of Amicus Curiae Aventis Pasteur Inc. in Support of Merck & Co.'s Response to Petitioners' Motion to Issue Revised Third Party Subpoena, and any response thereto, it is hereby

ORDERED, that said Motion be, and hereby is, GRANTED, and it is further

ORDERED, that the Reply Brief of Amicus Curiae Aventis Pasteur Inc. in Support of Merck & Co.'s Response to Petitioners' Motion to Issue Revised Third Party Subpoena, filed on December 30, 2003, will be deemed timely filed.

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