

ANALYSIS OF AGTeletest Pharmaceuticals

(“Qualitest”).

The proposed Consent Agreement has been placed on the public record for thirty days for receipt of comments by interested persons. Comments received during this period will become part of the public record. After thirty days, the Commission will again review the proposed Consent Agreement and the comments received on this Order. The Commission will then issue an Order.

(“Order”).

Pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated July 18, 2008, Teva proposes to acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of Barr for approximately \$7.4 billion, plus the assumption of \$1.5 billion of net debt, for approximately \$8.9 billion. The Commission’s Complaint alleges that the proposed acquisition, if consummated, would violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 18, and Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 45, by lessening competition in the U.S. markets for the manufacture and sale of the following generic pharmaceutical products: (1) tetracycline HCl capsules; (2) chlorzoxazone tablets; (3) desmopressin acetate tablets; (4) metoclopramide HCl tablets; (5) carboplatin injection; (6) tamoxifen citrate tablets; (7) metronidazole tablets; (8) trazodone HCl tablets; (9) glipizide/metformin HCl tablets; (10) cyclosporine liquid; (11) cyclosporine capsules; (12) flutamide capsules; (13) mirtazapine ODT; (14) deferoxamine injection; (15) epoetin; (16) weekly fluoxetine capsules; and (17) thirteen generic oral contraceptive markets (collectively

The Products and Structure of the Markets

The proposed acquisition of Barr by Te

- Carboplatin, the generic version of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company's ("BMS") Paraplatin®, is a chemotherapy drug used to treat a variety of cancers, mainly ovarian, lung, head and neck cancers. Teva and Barr are two of the leading suppliers of generic carboplatin injection with a combined market share of 60 percent. APP Pharmaceuticals and Bedford Laboratories ("Bedford") are the two remaining suppliers in the generic carboplatin injection market with 11 percent and 29 percent of the market, respectively.
- Metronidazole is an anti-infective used in the treatment of a variety of bacterial infections. Barr is the market leader in the generic metronidazole market with 50 percent market share. Teva is close behind with 39 percent of the market. Mutual and Amneal Pharmaceuticals are the only other suppliers with 4 percent and 1 percent of the market, respectively. Therefore, the proposed acquisition combines two of the most competitively significant suppliers of generic metronidazole, resulting in a combined market share of 89 percent.
- Trazodone is an antidepressant with a sedative effect. In the generic trazodone market, the proposed acquisition would result in a combined market share of 75 percent. Apotex Group is the only other competitively significant supplier with 22 percent of the market. The fourth supplier – Watson – has had limited success in this market, having captured only a 3 percent market share to date.
- Cyclosporine is an immunosuppressant drug used to prevent the rejection of transplanted organs. In the generic cyclosporine capsules market, Teva and Barr have roughly equal market shares and their post-acquisition market share would be 41 percent. Abbott Laboratories is the market leader with 51 percent of the market. The fourth supplier – Sandoz Inc. ("Sandoz")– represents approximately 8 percent of the market.
- Flutamide is an anti-androgen drug used to treat prostate cancer. Teva, Barr, Par Pharmaceutical Companies ("Par"), and Sandoz are the four suppliers of generic flutamide. Sandoz is the market leader with 34 percent of the market. Teva has 28 percent of the market, Par has 24 percent, and Barr has 14 percent. Consequently, the proposed acquisition would result in a combined market share of 42 percent.
- Glipizide/Metformin, the generic version of BMS's Metaglip®, is commonly prescribed as a first line treatment for diabetes. Mylan Pharmaceuticals ("Mylan"), Sandoz, Teva, and Barr are the four suppliers of generic glipizide/metformin. Sandoz is the market leader with 37 percent. Barr and Teva have roughly equal market shares of 25 and 26 percent, respectively. The fourth supplier – Mylan – has the smallest market share with 12 percent. Thus, Teva's proposed acquisition of Barr would result in a post acquisition market share of 51 percent.
- Deferoxamine, the generic version of Novartis International AG's Desferal®, is a chelating agent used to remove excess iron from the body. In the generic deferoxamine market, a combined Teva and Barr would possess 16 percent of the market. Hospira Inc. is the market leader with 73 percent market share. The remaining supplier – Bedford – is

a small competitor as reflected by its 11 percent share of the market. Although the combined share of Teva and Barr is only

Entry

Entry into the markets for the manufacture and sale of the Products would not be timely, likely or sufficient in its magnitude, character, and scope to deter or counteract the anticompetitive effects of the acquisition. Entry would not take place in a timely manner because the combination of generic drug development times and Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) drug approval requirements takes at least two years. Entry would not be likely because many of the relevant markets are relatively small and in decline, so the limited sales opportunities available to a new entrant would likely be insufficient to warrant the time and investment necessary to enter.

Effects

The proposed acquisition would cause significant anticompetitive harm to consumers in the U.S. markets for the manufacture and sale of each of the generic markets listed above. In generic pharmaceutical markets, pricing is heavily influenced by the number of competitors that participate in a given market. Here, the evidence shows that the prices of the generic pharmaceutical products at issue decrease with the entry of each additional competitor.

Evidence gathered during the investigation confirms that pricing for the generic pharmaceutical products at issue in the transaction is driven by the number firms that compete in the markets. Customers consistently state that the price of a generic pharmaceutical decreases with the entry of the second, third and even fourth competitor. The evidence also indicates that the presence of four significant competitors allows customers to negotiate lower prices than is the case where there are fewer firms. The proposed transaction would eliminate one of at most four competitors in each of the relevant markets and would cause significant anticompetitive harm to consumers in the U.S. markets by eliminating actual, direct, and substantial competition between Teva and Barr and by increasing the likelihood that customers will pay higher prices.

The competitive concerns can be characterized as both unilateral and coordinated in nature. The homogenous nature of the products involved, the minimal incentives to deviate, and the relatively predictable prospects of gaining new business all indicate that the firms in the market will find it profitable to coordinate their pricing. The impact that a reduction in the number of firms would have on pricing can also be explained in terms of unilateral effects, as the likelihood that the merging parties would be the first and second choices in a significant number of bidding situations is enhanced where the number of firms participating in the market decreases substantially.

The Consent Agreement

The proposed Consent Agreement effectively remedies the proposed acquisition’s anticompetitive effects in the relevant product market. Pursuant to the Consent Agreement, Teva and Barr are

Consent Agreement requires that Teva divest the oral contraceptive products and trazodone to Qualitest and that Teva/Barr divest the remainder of the Products to Watson.

The acquirer of the divested assets must receive the prior approval of the Commission. The Commission's goal in evaluating a possible purchaser of divested assets is to maintain the competitive environment that existed prior to the acquisition. A proposed acquirer of divested assets must not itself present competitive problems.

Qualitest and Watson are well-positioned to manufacture and market their respective acquired Products and to compete effectively in those markets. Both Qualitest and Watson develop, manufacture, sell, and distribute generic pharmaceuticals within the United States. Moreover, the divestitures to both companies do not present competitive problems of their own because neither competes in those markets. With their resources, capabilities, strong reputation, and experience marketing generic products, the two companies are expected to replicate the competition that would be lost with the proposed acquisition.

If the Commission determines that either Watson or Qualitest is not acceptable acquirer of the assets to be divested, or that the manner of the divestitures is not acceptable, the parties must unwind the sale and divest the assets within six months of the date the Order becomes final to another Commission-approved acquirer. If the parties fail to divest within six months, the Commission may appoint a trustee to divest the Products.

The proposed remedy contains several provisions to ensure that the divestitures are successful. The Order requires Teva and Barr to provide transitional services to enable the Commission-approved acquirers to obtain all of the necessary approvals from the FDA. These transitional services include technology transfer assistance to manufacture the Products in substantially the same manner and quality employed or achieved by Teva or Barr. Most of the oral contraceptive products had been divested to Teva pursuant to a Commission Order in the matter of *Watson Pharmaceuticals, Inc./Andrx Corporation*, Docket No. C-4172 (October 31, 2006). This proposed D&O does not relieve Watson of any of its obligations pursuant to the Commission Order issued in the above referenced Watson/Andrx matter.

The Commission has appointed William Rahe of Quantic Regulatory Services, LLC ("Quantic") to oversee the asset transfer and to ensure Teva's and Barr's compliance with all of the provisions of the proposed Consent Agreement. Mr. Rahe is a senior consultant at Quantic and has several years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry. He is a highly-qualified expert on FDA regulatory matters and currently advises Quantic clients on achieving satisfactory regulatory compliance and interfacing with the FDA. In order to ensure that the Commission remains informed about the status of the proposed divestitures and the transfers of assets, the proposed Consent Agreement requires Teva and Barr to file reports with the Commission periodically until the divestitures and transfers are accomplished.

The purpose of this analysis is to facilitate public comment on the proposed Consent Agreement, and it is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the proposed Order or to modify its terms in any way.