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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

Office of the Director
Bureau of Competition

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Re: Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. / Stonebridge Partners Equity Fund m, L.P.,
FTC File No. 101-0009

Dear Mr. Kolasky:

The Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition has been conducting a nonpublic investigation to determine whether Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.'s acquisition of Durcon Laboratory Tops Holdings, Inc. from Stonebridge Partners Equity Fund III, L.P. may violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act or Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act.

On December 10, 2009, the Bureau of Competition learned that the parties had abandoned the proposed transaction. Based upon this information, it now appears that no further action is warranted by the Commission at this time. This action is not to be construed as a determination that a violation may not have occurred, just as the pendency of an investigation should not be construed as a determination that a violation has occurred. The Commission reserves the right to take such further action as the public interest may require.

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Richard A. Feinstein
Director