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To All Interested Parties

*By facsimile (2 pages)***Consultation on the Janssen-Cilag Pty Limited proposal regarding fentanyl (Durogesic)**

PHARMAC and Janssen-Cilag Pty Limited have signed a provisional agreement relating to the supply of fentanyl transdermal patches. Acceptance of this provisional agreement is subject to consultation and PHARMAC Board or Chief Executive approval.

The main features of this proposal are as follows:

- PHARMAC would list fentanyl transdermal patches in Section B of the Pharmaceutical Schedule at a price and subsidy as described in the table below:

Chemical	Presentation	Product	Pack size	Proposed price and subsidy
Fentanyl	Transdermal patch 2.5mg (25 µg per hour)	Durogesic	5	\$55.23
Fentanyl	Transdermal patch 5mg (50 µg per hour)	Durogesic	5	\$100.52
Fentanyl	Transdermal patch 7.5mg (75 µg per hour)	Durogesic	5	\$139.18
Fentanyl	Transdermal patch 10mg (100 µg per hour)	Durogesic	5	\$171.22

Prices and subsidies are expressed in NZ dollars, ex manufacturer, exclusive of GST.

- PHARMAC proposes to apply the following Special Authority criteria to the prescribing and dispensing of all presentations of fentanyl patches:
 - Special Authority – Retail Pharmacy:
 - a) Patients who are terminally ill who are opioid-responsive and;
 - who are unable to take oral medication; or
 - who are intolerant to morphine, or in whom morphine is contraindicated.
 - b) Applications to be made by a relevant specialist.
 - c) Reapplications to be made by a relevant specialist or a general practitioner.
 - d) Approvals and reapprovals are valid for 3 months.
- A confidential expenditure cap would apply to the listing of fentanyl transdermal patches until 30 June 2009.
- Fentanyl transdermal patches would be subject to subsidy protection until 30 June 2009.
- PHARMAC proposes to amend the listing from 1 October 2004 of fentanyl transdermal patches in Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule by amending the prices of Durogesic to the prices set out below:

Chemical	Presentation	Product	Pack Size	Current price	Proposed price
Fentanyl	Transdermal patch 2.5mg (25 µg per hour)	Durogesic	5	\$58.14	\$55.23
Fentanyl	Transdermal patch 5mg (50 µg per hour)	Durogesic	5	\$105.81	\$100.52
Fentanyl	Transdermal patch 7.5mg (75 µg per hour)	Durogesic	5	\$146.51	\$139.18
Fentanyl	Transdermal patch 10mg (100 µg per hour)	Durogesic	5	\$180.23	\$171.22

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PHARMAC's Board (or Chief Executive acting under Delegated Authority) will consider the proposal in August or September 2004. Should the proposal be accepted, the proposed listing date would be 1 October 2004. If you wish to make comments on this proposal, please forward them to PHARMAC by **5 p.m. on Wednesday, 25 August 2004.**

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive