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To All Interested Parties

Proposed listing of Medisense Optium blood glucose test strips on the Pharmaceutical Schedule

PHARMAC has entered into a provisional agreement with Medica Pacifica Limited regarding the listing of Medisense Optium blood glucose test strips on the Pharmaceutical Schedule.

- PHARMAC proposes to list Medisense Optium blood glucose test strips in Section B of the Pharmaceutical Schedule from 1 November 2004 at a price and subsidy of \$26.95 per 50.

This proposal will be considered by the PHARMAC Board or by the Chief Executive under Delegated Authority in October 2004. If you have comments to make on this proposal and would like those comments to be considered by the PHARMAC Board or the Chief Executive then please send them to Deepti Chotai at PHARMAC **by 5 p.m. on 1 October 2004**. The Board will consider all comments submitted by this date.

Yours sincerely



Deepti Chotai
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