



DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS

FROM THE BANK OF NEW YORK

Global Investor and Issuer Services Depositary Receipts

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ATTENTION: European Research, Sales, Trading and Operations Staff

ACQUISITION AND NAME CHANGE

SANOFI-SYNTHELABO

Please be advised that Sanofi-Synthelabo has changed its name to "Sanofi-Aventis". This occurred in conjunction with the settlement of the offers and acquisition of Aventis ordinary shares by Sanofi-Synthelabo. A temporary ADR facility has been established for the issuance of the new Sanofi shares, which are entitled to a dividend of Euro 1.02 per share. As the ADR payable date for this dividend is September 30, 2004, we cannot yet advise the rate per ADR. (The existing Sanofi shares are entitled to a dividend of Euro 0.05 per share.)

The newly issued Sanofi shares will trade under a temporary ISIN and the ADRs will trade under a temporary CUSIP until the close of business on September 29, 2004 (the ADR dividend record date.) Please find below the ADR trading particulars:

	ADR FACILITY	TEMPORARY FACILITY
NAME	Sanofi-Aventis	Sanofi-Aventis
CUSIP	80105N105	80105N204
SYMBOL	SNY	SNY-T

Effective September 30, 2004, the temporary facility will trade under the permanent CUSIP 80105N105. Please note that there will not be an exchange; existing ADRs will automatically assume the new name with the existing CUSIP and trading symbol.

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