SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

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Attention: Beth Connelly
Associate Director, Regulatory Affairs

Dear Ms. Connelly:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) dated and received October 11, 2011, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for MS CONTIN (morphine sulfate controlled-release) 15 mg, 30 mg, 60 mg, 100 mg, and 200 mg Tablets.

This prior approval supplement application proposes conversion of the content of the currently approved package insert into the Physicians Labeling Rule (PLR) format as set forth under 21 CFR 201.56 and 21 CFR 201.57.

We have completed our review of this supplemental application and it is approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the enclosed, agreed-upon labeling text.

We are waiving the requirements of 21 CFR 201.57(d)(8) regarding the length of Highlights of prescribing information. This waiver applies to all future supplements containing revised labeling unless we notify you otherwise.

Please also refer to your sNDA (S-036), dated August 17, 2011, which provides for the Extended-Release/Long Acting (ER/LA) Opioid Class REMS. With that effort, the package inserts for all ER/LA opioids with a pain indication have been standardized and revised to current standards. The revisions derived from both sNDAs have been combined in the attached approved labeling.

CONTENT OF LABELING

As soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, submit the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format using the FDA automated drug registration and listing system (eLIST), as described at http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm. Content of labeling must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert, text for the patient package insert, Medication Guide), with the addition of any labeling changes in pending
“Changes Being Effected” (CBE) supplements, as well as annual reportable changes not included in the enclosed labeling.

Information on submitting SPL files using eLIST may be found in the guidance for industry titled “SPL Standard for Content of Labeling Technical Qs and As” at http://www.fda.gov/downloads/DrugsGuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM072392.pdf.

The SPL will be accessible from publicly available labeling repositories.

Also within 14 days, amend all pending supplemental applications for this NDA, including CBE supplements for which FDA has not yet issued an action letter, with the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)(1)(i)] in MS Word format, that includes the changes approved in this supplemental application, as well as annual reportable changes and annotate each change. To facilitate review of your submission, provide a highlighted or marked-up copy that shows all changes, as well as a clean Microsoft Word version. The marked-up copy should provide appropriate annotations, including supplement number(s) and annual report date(s).

We request that the labeling approved today be available on your website within 10 days of receipt of this letter.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

All promotional materials that include representations about your drug product must be promptly revised to be consistent with the labeling changes approved in this supplement, including any new safety information [21 CFR 314.70(a)(4)]. The revisions in your promotional materials should include prominent disclosure of the important new safety information that appears in the revised package labeling. Within 7 days of receipt of this letter, submit your statement of intent to comply with 21 CFR 314.70(a)(4) to the address above or by fax to 301-847-8444.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

We remind you that you must comply with reporting requirements for an approved NDA (21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81).
If you have any questions, call Christopher Hilfiger, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-4131.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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Content of Labeling
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JUDITH A RACOOSIN on behalf of BOB A RAPPAPORT
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