Dear Mr. Carrier:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Applications (sNDA) dated and received October 11, 2013, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Protonix (pantoprazole sodium) for Delayed-Release Suspension, 40 mg, and Protonix (pantoprazole sodium) for Delayed-Release Oral Tablets, 20 mg and 40 mg.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendments dated October 25, 2013 (for NDA 20987/S-048), and November 15, 2013.

These “Changes Being Effected” supplemental new drug applications propose the following change(s): addition of new safety information to the prescribing information. Specifically, agranulocytosis, pancytopenia and taste disorders (ageusia, dyseusia) have been added as adverse drug reactions in section 6.2 Postmarketing Experience.

APPROVAL & LABELING

We have completed our review of these supplemental applications, as amended. They are approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the enclosed, agreed-upon labeling text.

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), 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 that includes labeling changes 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).

**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 CDR Stacy Barley, Senior Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-2137.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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ENCLOSURE(S):
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12/10/2013