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TENTATIVE APPROVAL

Hospira, Inc.
Attention: Johan Laker, Pharm.D.
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Lake Forest, IL 60045

Dear Dr. Laker:

Please refer to your new drug application (NDA) dated and received April 23, 2020, and your amendments, submitted pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Pemetrexed Injection, for intravenous use.

This NDA provides for the use of Pemetrexed Injection, for intravenous use:

- In combination with cisplatin for the initial treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic, non-squamous, non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC);
- As a single agent for the maintenance treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic, non-squamous NSCLC whose disease has not progressed after four cycles of platinum-based first-line chemotherapy;
- As a single agent for the treatment of patients with recurrent, metastatic non-squamous, NSCLC after prior chemotherapy; and
- Initial treatment, in combination with cisplatin, of patients with malignant pleural mesothelioma whose disease is unresectable or who are otherwise not candidates for curative surgery.

We have completed our review of this application, as amended. It is tentatively approved under 21 CFR 314.105 for use as recommended in the agreed-upon enclosed labeling (text for the Prescribing Information, Patient Package Insert, and carton and container labeling) and submitted labeling (Prescribing Information and Patient Package Insert, submitted on February 12, 2021, and carton and container labeling submitted February 4, 2021). This determination is based upon information available to the Agency at this time, [i.e., information in your application and the status of current good manufacturing practices (cGMPs) of the facilities used in the manufacture and testing of the drug product]. This determination is subject to change on the basis of any new information that may come to our attention.

Final approval of your application is subject to expiration of a period of patent protection and/or exclusivity. Therefore, final approval of your application under section 505(c)(3) of the Act [21 U.S.C. 355(c)(3)] may not be granted before the period has expired.

To obtain final approval of this application, submit an amendment two or six months prior to the: (1) expiration of the patent(s) and/or exclusivity protection or (2) date you believe that your NDA will be eligible for final approval, as appropriate. In your cover letter, clearly identify your amendment as **"REQUEST FOR FINAL APPROVAL"**. This amendment should provide the legal/regulatory basis for your request for final approval and should include a copy of any relevant court order or judgment settlement, or licensing agreement, as appropriate. In addition to a safety update, the amendment should also identify changes, if any, in the conditions under which your product was tentatively approved, i.e., updated labeling; chemistry, manufacturing, and controls data; and risk evaluation and mitigation strategy (REMS). If there are no changes, clearly state so in your cover letter. Any changes require our review before final approval and the goal date for our review will be set accordingly.

Until we issue a final approval letter, this NDA is not approved.

Please note that this drug product may not be marketed in the United States without final agency approval under section 505 of the FD&C Act. The introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of this drug product before the final approval date is prohibited under section 501 of the FD&C Act and 21 U.S.C. 331(d).

PROPRIETARY NAME

If you intend to have a proprietary name for this product, the name and its use in the labeling must conform to the specifications under 21 CFR 201.10 and 201.15. We recommend that you submit a request for a proposed proprietary name review. (See the guidance for industry *Contents of a Complete Submission for the Evaluation of Proprietary Names*[1] and *PDUFA Reauthorization Performance Goals and Procedures Fiscal Years 2018 through 2022*.)

REQUIRED PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENTS

Under the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA) (21 U.S.C. 355c), all applications for new active ingredients (which includes new salts and new fixed combinations), new indications, new dosage forms, new dosing regimens, or new routes of administration are required to contain an assessment of the safety and effectiveness of the product for the claimed indication in pediatric patients unless this requirement is waived, deferred, or inapplicable.

[1] We update guidances periodically. For the most recent version of a guidance, check the FDA Guidance Documents Database https://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm.

We note that if this application is ultimately approved, you will need to meet these requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacie Woods, Regulatory Health Project Manager, at 301-796-4803 or via email at stacie.woods@fda.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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ENCLOSURES:

- Content of Labeling
  - Prescribing Information
  - Patient Package Insert
- Carton and Container Labeling

43 Page(s) of Draft Labeling have been Withheld in Full as b4 (CCI/ TS) immediately following this page

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