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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

DOW PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES, INC.  
and VALEANT PHARMACEUTICALS  
NORTH AMERICA LLC,

Plaintiffs,

v.

TARO PHARMACEUTICALS U.S.A., INC.  
and TARO PHARMACEUTICAL  
INDUSTRIES LTD.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

Plaintiffs Dow Pharmaceutical Sciences, Inc. (“Dow”) and Valeant Pharmaceuticals North America LLC (“Valeant”) (collectively, “Plaintiffs”) by way of Complaint against Defendants Taro Pharmaceuticals U.S.A., Inc. (“Taro USA”) and Taro Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (“Taro Industries”) (collectively, “Taro” or “Defendants”) allege as follows:

### **THE PARTIES**

1. Plaintiff Dow is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of California having its principal place of business at 1330 Redwood Way, Petaluma, California 94954.

2. Plaintiff Valeant is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of Delaware having its principal place of business at 400 Somerset Corporate Boulevard, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807.

3. Upon information and belief, Taro USA is a New York corporation with places of business at Three Skyline Drive, Hawthorne, New York 10532, and One Commerce Drive, Cranbury, New Jersey 08512.

4. Upon information and belief, Taro Industries is an Israeli corporation with a place of business at 14 Hakitor Street, Haifa Bay, 2624761, Israel.

5. Upon information and belief, defendant Taro USA is a wholly-owned subsidiary of defendant Taro Industries and acts at the direction of, under the control of, and for the benefit of Taro Industries.

### **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

6. This is an action for infringement of United States Patent No. 9,561,208 (“the ’208 patent”) arising under the United States patent laws, Title 35, United States Code, § 100 et seq., including 35 U.S.C. §§ 271 and 281. This action relates to Taro’s filing of an Abbreviated New Drug Application (“ANDA”) under section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (“the Act”), 21 U.S.C. § 355(j), seeking U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) approval to market its generic benzoyl peroxide and clindamycin phosphate topical gel (3.75%; Eq. 1.2% Base) (“Taro’s generic benzoyl peroxide and clindamycin phosphate topical gel”).

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

7. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

8. Upon information and belief, this Court has jurisdiction over Taro USA. Upon information and belief, Taro USA is in the business of, *inter alia*, developing, manufacturing, marketing, importing, and selling pharmaceutical products, including generic drug products manufactured by Taro Industries. Upon information and belief, Taro USA directly, or indirectly, manufactures, markets, and sells generic drug products throughout the United States and in this judicial district, and this judicial district is a likely destination for Taro's generic benzoyl peroxide and clindamycin phosphate topical gel. Upon information and belief, Taro USA purposefully has conducted and continues to conduct business in this judicial district.

9. Upon information and belief, Taro USA is registered to do business in New Jersey under business ID 0100917783, is registered as a wholesale drug distributor under registration number 5003062, and has appointed the Corporation Trust Company, 820 Bear Tavern Road, West Trenton, NJ 08628 as its registered agent for service of process.

10. Upon information and belief, Taro USA owns a drug distribution facility in South Brunswick, New Jersey having an address of 1 Commerce Dr., Cranbury, NJ 08512.

11. Upon information and belief, this court has jurisdiction over Taro Industries. Upon information and belief, Taro Industries is in the business of, *inter alia*, developing, manufacturing, marketing, importing, and selling pharmaceutical products, including generic drug products. Upon information and belief, Taro Industries directly, or indirectly, manufactures, markets, and sells generic drug products throughout the United States and in this judicial district, and this judicial district is a likely destination for Taro's generic benzoyl peroxide and clindamycin phosphate topical gel. Upon information and belief, Taro Industries

purposefully has conducted and continues to conduct business in this judicial district.

12. Taro Industries has reported to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission that it “operates through three entities,” including Taro USA, and has reported that it owns two “principle facilities” in the United States, including a distribution facility in South Brunswick, New Jersey.

13. Taro USA has availed itself of the rights, benefits, and privileges of this Court by filing at least two complaints for patent infringement in the District of New Jersey: *Taro Pharmaceuticals North America, Inc. et al. v. Suven Life Sciences, Ltd.*, Civil Action No. 3:11-cv-02452 and *Taro Pharmaceuticals North America, Inc. et al. v. Synerx Pharma, LLC*, Civil Action No. 2:09-cv-03569.

14. Taro USA and Taro Industries have admitted to, consented to, or have not contested the jurisdiction of this Court in at least four prior District of New Jersey actions: *Dow Pharmaceutical Sciences, Inc. et al. v. Taro Pharmaceuticals U.S.A., Inc. et al.*, Civil Action No. 2:16-cv-00217; *Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation et al. v. Taro Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. et al.*, Civil Action No. 2:06-cv-04178; *Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation v. Taro Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. et al.*, Civil Action No. 1:15-cv-02841; and *Horizon Pharma Ireland Limited et al. v. Taro Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. et al.*, Civil Action No. 1:15-cv-02046.

15. Taro USA and Taro Industries have availed themselves of the rights, benefits, and privileges of this Court by asserting counterclaims in at least four prior District of New Jersey actions: *Dow Pharmaceutical Sciences, Inc. et al. v. Taro Pharmaceuticals U.S.A., Inc. et al.*, Civil Action No. 2:16-cv-00217; *Pfizer, Inc. v. Taro Pharmaceuticals Industries, Ltd. et al.*, Civil Action No. 2:03-cv-05425, *Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation et al. v. Taro Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. et al.*, Civil Action No. 2:06-cv-04178 and *Schering Corp. v. Taro*

*Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 2:01-cv-03531.

16. Taro knows or should know that Onexton<sup>®</sup> is manufactured for Valeant Pharmaceuticals North America LLC in Bridgewater, NJ 08807 USA at least because that information is included in Onexton<sup>®</sup>'s label and prescribing information.

17. Upon information and belief, venue is proper in this judicial district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(c) and (d), and § 1400(b).

### **THE PATENT IN SUIT**

18. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") issued the '208 patent on February 7, 2017. The '208 patent claims, *inter alia*, formulations of benzoyl peroxide and clindamycin, and methods of treating acne with such formulations. Plaintiffs hold all substantial rights in the '208 patent and have the right to sue for infringement thereof. A copy of the '208 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

19. Dow is the holder of New Drug Application ("NDA") No. 050819 for Onexton<sup>®</sup>, which the FDA approved on November 24, 2014. In conjunction with NDA No. 050819, the '208 patent is listed in the FDA's Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations ("the Orange Book").

20. Benzoyl peroxide and clindamycin phosphate topical gel (3.75%; Eq. 1.2% Base) is sold in the United States under the trademark Onexton<sup>®</sup>.

### **TARO'S INFRINGING ANDA SUBMISSION**

21. Upon information and belief, Taro filed or caused to be filed with the FDA ANDA No. 208683, under Section 505(j) of the Act and 21 U.S.C. § 355(j).

22. Upon information and belief, Taro's ANDA No. 208683 seeks FDA approval to sell in the United States Taro's generic benzoyl peroxide and clindamycin phosphate topical gel,

intended to be a generic version of Onexton<sup>®</sup>.

23. Dow received a letter dated February 27, 2017, from Taro USA and Taro Industries, purporting to be a Notice of Certification for ANDA No. 208683 (“Taro’s notice letter”) under Section 505(j)(2)(B)(ii) of the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(2)(B)(ii), and 21 § C.F.R. 314.95(c).

24. Taro’s notice letter alleges that Taro has submitted to the FDA ANDA No. 208683 seeking FDA approval to sell Taro’s generic benzoyl peroxide and clindamycin phosphate topical gel, intended to be a generic version of Onexton<sup>®</sup>.

25. Taro’s notice letter, which is required by statute and regulation to provide a full and detailed explanation regarding any non-infringement defenses, does not allege non-infringement of claims 1, 6, 10 and 15 of the ’208 patent.

26. Upon information and belief, ANDA No. 208683 seeks approval of Taro’s generic benzoyl peroxide and clindamycin phosphate topical gel that is the same, or substantially the same, as Onexton<sup>®</sup>.

27. Upon information and belief, Taro USA’s actions relating to ANDA No. 208683 complained of herein were done with the cooperation, the participation, the assistance of, and at least in part for the benefit of Taro Industries.

### **COUNT I AGAINST TARO**

#### **Infringement of the ’208 Patent under § 271(e)(2)**

28. Paragraphs 1-27 are incorporated herein as set forth above.

29. Under 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2), Taro has infringed at least one claim of the ’208 patent by submitting, or causing to be submitted to the FDA, ANDA No. 208683 seeking approval for the commercial marketing of Taro’s generic benzoyl peroxide and clindamycin

phosphate topical gel before the expiration date of the '208 patent.

30. Upon information and belief, Taro's generic benzoyl peroxide and clindamycin phosphate topical gel will, if approved and marketed, infringe at least one claim of the '208 patent.

31. Upon information and belief, Taro will, through the manufacture, use, import, offer for sale, and/or sale of Taro's generic benzoyl peroxide and clindamycin phosphate topical gel, directly infringe, contributorily infringe, and/or induce infringement of at least one claim of the '208 patent.

## **COUNT II AGAINST TARO**

### **Declaratory Judgment of Infringement of the '208 Patent**

32. Paragraphs 1-31 are incorporated herein as set forth above.

33. These claims arise under the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202.

34. There is an actual case or controversy such that the Court may entertain Plaintiffs' request for declaratory relief consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution, and this actual case or controversy requires a declaration of rights by this Court.

35. Taro has made, and will continue to make, substantial preparation in the United States to manufacture, use, offer to sell, sell, and/or import Taro's generic benzoyl peroxide and clindamycin phosphate topical gel before the expiration date of the '208 patent, including Taro's filing of ANDA No. 208683.

36. Upon information and belief, any commercial manufacture, use, offer for sale, sale, and/or importation of Taro's generic benzoyl peroxide and clindamycin phosphate topical gel will directly infringe, contributorily infringe, and/or induce infringement of at least one claim

of the '208 patent.

37. Plaintiffs are entitled to a declaratory judgment that future commercial manufacture, use, offer for sale, sale, and/or importation of Taro's generic benzoyl peroxide and clindamycin phosphate topical gel will constitute infringement of at least one claim of the '208 patent.

### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court enter judgment in their favor and against Taro on the patent infringement claims set forth above and respectfully request that this Court:

1. enter judgment that, under 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2), Taro has infringed at least one claim of the '208 patent by submitting or causing to be submitted ANDA No. 208683 to the FDA to obtain approval for the commercial manufacture, use, import, offer for sale, and/or sale in the United States of Taro's generic benzoyl peroxide and clindamycin phosphate topical gel before the expiration of the '208 patent;

2. order that that the effective date of any approval by the FDA of Taro's generic benzoyl peroxide and clindamycin phosphate topical gel be a date that is not earlier than the expiration of the '208 patent, or such later date as the Court may determine;

3. enjoin Taro from the commercial manufacture, use, import, offer for sale, and/or sale of Taro's generic benzoyl peroxide and clindamycin phosphate topical gel until expiration of the '208 patent, or such later date as the Court may determine;

4. enjoin Taro and all persons acting in concert with Taro from seeking, obtaining, or maintaining approval of Taro's ANDA No. 208683 until expiration of the '208 patent;

5. declare this to be an exceptional case under 35 U.S.C. §§ 285 and 271(e)(4) and



award Plaintiffs costs, expenses, and disbursements in this action, including reasonable attorney's fees;

6. award Plaintiffs such further and additional relief as this Court deems just and proper.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATION OF NON-ARBITRABILITY**  
**PURSUANT TO LOCAL CIVIL RULE 201.1(d)**

Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 201.1(d), the undersigned counsel hereby certifies that this action seeks declaratory and injunctive relief and, therefore, is not subject to mandatory arbitration.

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

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