

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

PFIZER INC., WARNER-LAMBERT )  
COMPANY LLC, PF PRISM C.V., PFIZER )  
MANUFACTURING HOLDINGS LLC and )  
PFIZER PFE IRELAND )  
PHARMACEUTICALS HOLDING 1 B.V., )  
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Plaintiff, )  
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v. ) C.A. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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ALEMBIC PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. and )  
ALEMBIC PHARMACEUTICALS, LTD., )  
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Defendants. )

**COMPLAINT**

Pfizer Inc., Warner-Lambert Company LLC, PF PRISM C.V., Pfizer Manufacturing Holdings LLC, and Pfizer PFE Ireland Pharmaceuticals Holding 1 B.V. (collectively “Pfizer”) file this Complaint for patent infringement against Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. (collectively, “Alembic”), and by their attorneys, hereby allege as follows:

1. This is an action for patent infringement under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35, United States Code, and for a declaratory judgment of patent infringement under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202 and the patent laws of the United States, Title 35, United States Code, that arises out of Alembic’s submission of an Abbreviated New Drug Application (“ANDA”) to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) seeking approval to commercially manufacture, use, offer for sale, sell, and/or import generic versions of IBRANCE<sup>®</sup> (Palbociclib) capsules, 75 mg, 100 mg, and 125 mg, prior to the expiration of U.S. Patent No. 6,936,612 (“the ’612 patent”).

2. Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. notified Pfizer by letter dated March 19, 2019 (“Alembic Notice Letter”) that it had submitted to the FDA ANDA No. 213128. (“Alembic’s

ANDA”), seeking approval from the FDA to engage in the commercial manufacture, use and/or sale of generic Palbociclib capsules, 75mg, 100 mg, and 125 mg (“Alembic’s ANDA Product”) prior to the expiration of the ’612 patent.

### PARTIES

3. Plaintiff Pfizer Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and having a place of business at 235 East 42nd Street, New York, New York 10017. Pfizer Inc. is the holder of New Drug Application (“NDA”) No. 207103 for the manufacture and sale of palbociclib tablets, 75 mg, 100 mg and 125 mg, which has been approved by the FDA.

4. Plaintiff Warner-Lambert Company LLC is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and having a place of business at 235 East 42nd Street, New York, New York 10017.

5. Plaintiff PF PRISM C.V. is a limited partnership (commanditaire vennootschap) organized under the laws of the Netherlands, having its registered seat in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, that for all purposes is represented by and acting through its general partner Pfizer Manufacturing Holdings LLC, a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, and having its address at 235 East 42nd Street, New York, New York 10017.

6. Plaintiff Pfizer PFE Ireland Pharmaceuticals Holding 1 B.V. is a private limited liability company (*besloten vennootschap*) organized under the laws of the Netherlands, having its registered seat in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, having its business address at Rivium Westlaan 142, 2909 LD, Capelle aan den IJssel, the Netherlands.

7. Upon information and belief, defendant Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. is a company organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of India with its principal place of business at Alembic Road, Vadodara 390003, Gujarat, India. Upon information and belief,

Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. is in the business of, among other things, manufacturing and selling generic versions of branded pharmaceutical drugs through various operating subsidiaries, including Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

8. Upon information and belief, defendant Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business at 750 Highway 202, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807. Upon information and belief, Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is in the business of, among other things, manufacturing and selling generic versions of branded pharmaceutical products for the U.S. market.

9. Upon information and belief, Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. and Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Inc. are collectively referred to herein as “Alembic.”

10. Upon information and belief, Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. and Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Inc. acted in concert to prepare and submit Alembic’s ANDA to the FDA.

11. Upon information and belief, Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. and Alembic, Inc. know and intend that upon approval of Alembic’s ANDA, Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. will manufacture Alembic’s ANDA Product and Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Inc. will directly or indirectly market, sell, and distribute Alembic’s ANDA Product throughout the United States, including in Delaware. Upon information and belief, Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. and Alembic, Inc. are agents of each other and/or operate in concert as integrated parts of the same business group, including with respect to Alembic’s ANDA Product, and enter into agreements with each other that are nearer than arm’s length. Upon information and belief, Alembic, Inc. participated in, assisted, and cooperated with Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. in the acts complained of herein.

12. Upon information and belief, following any FDA approval of Alembic's ANDA, Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. and Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Inc. will act in concert to distribute and sell Alembic's ANDA Product throughout the United States, including within Delaware.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

13. Jurisdiction is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1338(a), and 2201 and 2202.

14. Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. is subject to personal jurisdiction in Delaware because, among other things, Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Ltd., itself and through its wholly-owned subsidiary Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Inc., has purposefully availed itself of the benefits and protections of Delaware's laws such that it should reasonably anticipate being haled into court here. Upon information and belief, Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Ltd., itself and through its subsidiary Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Inc., develops, manufactures, imports, markets, offers to sell, and/or sells generic drugs throughout the United States, including in the State of Delaware and therefore transacts business within the State of Delaware, and/or has engaged in systematic and continuous business contacts within the State of Delaware. In addition, Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. is subject to personal jurisdiction in Delaware because, upon information and belief, it controls Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and therefore the activities of Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Inc. in this jurisdiction are attributed to Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.

15. Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is subject to personal jurisdiction in Delaware because, among other things, it has purposely availed itself of the benefits and protections of Delaware's laws such that it should reasonably anticipate being haled into court here. Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, is qualified to do business in Delaware, and has appointed a registered agent for

service of process in Delaware. It therefore has consented to general jurisdiction in Delaware. In addition, upon information and belief, Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Inc. develops, manufactures, imports, markets, offers to sell, and/or sells generic drugs throughout the United States, including in the State of Delaware and therefore transacts business within the State of Delaware related to Pfizer's claims, and/or has engaged in systematic and continuous business contacts within the State of Delaware.

16. Alembic has previously used the process contemplated by the Hatch-Waxman Act to challenge branded pharmaceutical companies' patents by filing a certification of the type described in Section 505(j)(2)(A)(vii)(IV) of the FDCA, 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(2)(A)(vii)(IV), serving a notice letter on those companies, and engaging in patent litigation arising from the process contemplated by the Hatch-Waxman Act.

17. Upon information and belief, Alembic, with knowledge of the Hatch-Waxman Act process, directed Alembic's Notice Letter to Pfizer, an entity incorporated in Delaware, and alleged in Alembic's Notice Letter that Pfizer's '612 patent is invalid. Upon information and belief, Alembic knowingly and deliberately challenged Pfizer's patent rights, and knew when it did so that it was triggering the forty-five day period for Pfizer to bring an action for patent infringement under the Hatch-Waxman Act.

18. Because Pfizer Inc. is incorporated in Delaware, Pfizer Inc. suffers injury and consequences from Alembic's filing of Alembic's ANDA, challenging Pfizer's patent rights, in Delaware. Upon information and belief, Alembic knew that it was deliberately challenging the patent rights of a Delaware entity and seeking to invalidate intellectual property held in Delaware. Alembic has been a litigant in connection with other infringement actions under the Hatch-Waxman Act, and reasonably should have anticipated that by sending Alembic's Notice

Letter to Pfizer Inc., a Delaware corporation, that it would be sued in Delaware for patent infringement.

19. Upon information and belief, if Alembic's ANDA is approved, Alembic will directly or indirectly manufacture, market, sell, and/or distribute Alembic's ANDA Product within the United States, including in Delaware, consistently with Alembic's practices for the marketing and distribution of other generic pharmaceutical products. Upon information and belief, Alembic regularly does business in Delaware, and its practices with other generic pharmaceutical products have involved placing those products into the stream of commerce for distribution throughout the United States, including in Delaware. Upon information and belief, Alembic's generic pharmaceutical products are used and/or consumed within and throughout the United States, including in Delaware. Upon information and belief, Alembic's ANDA Product will be prescribed by physicians practicing in Delaware, dispensed by pharmacies located within Delaware, and used by patients in Delaware. Each of these activities would have a substantial effect within Delaware and would constitute infringement of Pfizer's patents in the event that Alembic's ANDA Product is approved before the patents expire.

20. Upon information and belief, Alembic derives substantial revenue from generic pharmaceutical products that are used and/or consumed within Delaware, and which are manufactured by Alembic and/or for which Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. or Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is the named applicant on approved ANDAs. Upon information and belief, various products for which Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. or Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is the named applicant on approved ANDAs are available at retail pharmacies in Delaware.

21. Venue is proper in this district as to Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400(b) because, inter alia, Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. is a corporation

organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of India and is subject to personal jurisdiction in this judicial district.

22. Venue is proper in this district as to Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Inc. pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400(b) because, inter alia, Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and is subject to personal jurisdiction in this judicial district.

**COUNT I - INFRINGEMENT OF THE '612 PATENT**

23. Pfizer incorporates each of the preceding paragraphs 1–22 as if fully set forth herein.

24. The inventors named on the '612 patent are Mark Barvian, Richard J. Booth, John Quin, III, Joseph T. Repine, Derek J. Sheehan, Peter L. Toogood, Scott N. Vanderwel, and Hairong Zhou.

25. The '612 patent, entitled “2-(Pyridin-2-ylamino)-pyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidin-7-ones” (attached as Exhibit A), was duly and legally issued on August 30, 2005.

26. Pfizer is the owner and assignee of the '612 patent.

27. Claim 1 of the '612 patent recites “[a] compound which is 6-Acetyl-8-cyclopentyl-5-methyl-2-(5-piperazin-1-yl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-8H-pyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidin-7-one.”

28. Claim 2 of the '612 patent recites “A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of the compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutical carrier therefor.”

29. IBRANCE<sup>®</sup> is covered by claims 1 and 2 of the '612 patent, and the '612 patent has been listed in connection with IBRANCE<sup>®</sup> in the FDA's Orange Book.

30. In Alembic's Notice Letter, Alembic notified Pfizer of the submission of Alembic's ANDA to the FDA. The purpose of this submission was to obtain approval under the FDCA to engage in the commercial manufacture, use, offer for sale, sale and/or importation of Alembic's ANDA Product prior to the expiration of the '612 patent.

31. In Alembic's Notice Letter, Alembic also notified Pfizer that, as part of its ANDA, Alembic had filed certifications of the type described in Section 505(j)(2)(B)(iv) of the FDCA, 21 U.S.C. § 355 (j)(2)(B)(iv), with respect to the '612 patent. On information and belief, Alembic submitted its ANDA to the FDA containing certifications pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(2)(A)(vii)(IV) asserting that the '612 patent is invalid, unenforceable, and/or will not be infringed by the manufacture, use, offer for sale, sale, and/or importation of Alembic's ANDA Product.

32. Alembic's ANDA Product and the use of Alembic's ANDA Product are covered by claims 1 and 2 of the '612 patent.

33. In Alembic's Notice Letter, Alembic did not contest the infringement of claim 1 or 2 of the '612 patent on any basis other than the alleged invalidity of those claims.

34. Alembic's submission of Alembic's ANDA for the purpose of obtaining approval to engage in the commercial manufacture, use, offer for sale, sale, and/or importation of Alembic's ANDA Product before the expiration of the '612 patent was an act of infringement of the '612 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2)(A).

35. On information and belief, Alembic will engage in the manufacture, use, offer for sale, sale, marketing, distribution, and/or importation of Alembic's ANDA Product immediately and imminently upon approval of its ANDA.



36. The manufacture, use, sale, offer for sale, or importation of Alembic's ANDA Product would infringe claims 1 and 2 of the '612 patent.

37. On information and belief, the manufacture, use, sale, offer for sale, or importation of Alembic's ANDA Product in accordance with, and as directed by, its proposed product labeling would infringe claims 1 and 2 of the '612 patent.

38. On information and belief, Alembic plans and intends to, and will, actively induce infringement of the '612 patent when Alembic's ANDA is approved, and plans and intends to, and will, do so immediately and imminently upon approval. Alembic's activities will be done with knowledge of the '612 patent and specific intent to infringe that patent.

39. On information and belief, Alembic knows that Alembic's ANDA Product and its proposed labeling are especially made or adapted for use in infringing the '612 patent, that Alembic's ANDA Product is not a staple article or commodity of commerce, and that Alembic's ANDA Product and its proposed labeling are not suitable for substantial noninfringing use. On information and belief, Alembic plans and intends to, and will, contribute to infringement of the '612 patent immediately and imminently upon approval of Alembic's ANDA.

40. Notwithstanding Alembic's knowledge of the claims of the '612 patent, Alembic has continued to assert its intent to manufacture, offer for sale, sell, distribute, and/or import Alembic's ANDA Product with its product labeling following FDA approval of Alembic's ANDA prior to the expiration of the '612 patent.

41. The foregoing actions by Alembic constitute and/or will constitute infringement of the '612 patent; active inducement of infringement of the '612 patent; and contribution to the infringement by others of the '612 patent.

42. On information and belief, Alembic has acted with full knowledge of the '612 patent and without a reasonable basis for believing that it would not be liable for infringement of the '612 patent; active inducement of infringement of the '612 patent; and/or contribution to the infringement by others of the '612 patent.

43. Pfizer will be substantially and irreparably damaged by infringement of the '612 patent.

44. Unless Alembic is enjoined from infringing the '612 patent, actively inducing infringement of the '612 patent, and contributing to the infringement by others of the '612 patent, Pfizer will suffer irreparable injury. Pfizer has no adequate remedy at law.

**COUNT II - DECLARATORY JUDGMENT  
OF INFRINGEMENT OF THE '612 PATENT**

45. Pfizer incorporates each of the preceding paragraphs 1–44 as if fully set forth herein.

46. The Court may declare the rights and legal relations of the parties pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202 because there is a case of actual controversy between Pfizer on the one hand and Alembic on the other regarding Alembic's infringement, active inducement of infringement, and contribution to the infringement by others of the '612 patent, and/or the validity of the '612 patent.

47. Claim 1 of the '612 patent recites “[a] compound which is 6-Acetyl-8-cyclopentyl-5-methyl-2-(5-piperazin-1-yl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-8H-pyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidin-7-one.”

48. Claim 2 of the '612 patent recites “A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of the compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutical carrier therefor.”

49. In Alembic's Notice Letter, Alembic notified Pfizer of the submission of Alembic's ANDA to the FDA. The purpose of this submission was to obtain approval under the FDCA to engage in the commercial manufacture, use, offer for sale, sale and/or importation of Alembic's ANDA Product prior to the expiration of the '612 patent.

50. In Alembic's Notice Letter, Alembic also notified Pfizer that, as part of its ANDA, Alembic had filed certifications of the type described in Section 505(j)(2)(B)(iv) of the FDCA, 21 U.S.C. § 355 (j)(2)(B)(iv), with respect to the '612 patent. On information and belief, Alembic submitted its ANDA to the FDA containing certifications pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(2)(A)(vii)(IV) asserting that the '612 patent is invalid, unenforceable, and/or will not be infringed by the manufacture, use, offer for sale, sale, and/or importation of Alembic's ANDA Product.

51. Alembic's ANDA Product and the use of Alembic's ANDA Product are covered by claims 1 and 2 of the '612 patent.

52. In Alembic's Notice Letter, Alembic did not contest the infringement of claim 1 or 2 of the '612 patent on any basis other than the alleged invalidity of those claims.

53. On information and belief, Alembic will engage in the manufacture, use, offer for sale, sale, marketing, distribution, and/or importation of Alembic's ANDA Product immediately and imminently upon approval of its ANDA.

54. The manufacture, use, sale, offer for sale, or importation of Alembic's ANDA Product would infringe claims 1 and 2 of the '612 patent.

55. On information and belief, the manufacture, use, sale, offer for sale, or importation of Alembic's ANDA Product in accordance with, and as directed by, its proposed product labeling would infringe claims 1 and 2 of the '612 patent.

56. On information and belief, Alembic plans and intends to, and will, actively induce infringement of the '612 patent when Alembic's ANDA is approved, and plans and intends to, and will, do so immediately and imminently upon approval. Alembic's activities will be done with knowledge of the '612 patent and specific intent to infringe that patent.

57. On information and belief, Alembic knows that Alembic's ANDA Product and its proposed labeling are especially made or adapted for use in infringing the '612 patent, that Alembic's ANDA Product is not a staple article or commodity of commerce, and that Alembic's ANDA Product and its proposed labeling are not suitable for substantial noninfringing use. On information and belief, Alembic plans and intends to, and will, contribute to infringement of the '612 patent immediately and imminently upon approval of Alembic's ANDA.

58. Notwithstanding Alembic's knowledge of the claims of the '612 patent, Alembic has continued to assert its intent to manufacture, offer for sale, sell, distribute, and/or import Alembic's ANDA Product with its product labeling following FDA approval of Alembic's ANDA prior to the expiration of the '612 patent.

59. The foregoing actions by Alembic constitute and/or will constitute infringement of the '612 patent; active inducement of infringement of the '612 patent; and contribution to the infringement by others of the '612 patent.

60. On information and belief, Alembic has acted with full knowledge of the '612 patent and without a reasonable basis for believing that it would not be liable for infringement of the '612 patent; active inducement of infringement of the '612 patent; and/or contribution to the infringement by others of the '612 patent.

61. Pfizer will be substantially and irreparably damaged by infringement of the '612 patent.

62. The Court should declare that the commercial manufacture, use, sale, offer for sale or importation of Alembic's ANDA Product with its proposed labeling, or any other Alembic drug product that is covered by or whose use is covered by the '612 patent, will infringe, induce the infringement of, and contribute to the infringement by others of the '612 patent, and that the claims of the '612 patent are not invalid.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Pfizer requests the following relief:

(a) A judgment that the '612 patent has been infringed under 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2) by Alembic's submission to the FDA of Alembic's ANDA;

(b) A judgment ordering that the effective date of any FDA approval of commercial manufacture, use, or sale of Alembic's ANDA Products, or any other drug product that infringes or the use of which infringes the '612 patent, be not earlier than the latest of the expiration dates of said patent, inclusive of any extension(s) and additional period(s) of exclusivity;

(c) A preliminary and permanent injunction enjoining Alembic, and all persons acting in concert with Alembic, from the commercial manufacture, use, sale, offer for sale, or importation into the United States of Alembic's ANDA Products, or any other drug product covered by or whose use is covered by one or more of the '612 patent, prior to the expiration of said patents, inclusive of any extension(s) and additional period(s) of exclusivity;

(d) A judgment declaring that the commercial manufacture, use, sale, offer for sale or importation of Alembic's ANDA Products, or any other drug product which is covered by or whose use is covered by the '612 patent, prior to the expiration of said patents, will infringe, induce the infringement of, and contribute to the infringement by others of, said patents;

- (e) A declaration that this is an exceptional case and an award of attorneys' fees pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285;
- (f) Costs and expenses in this action; and
- (g) Such further and other relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

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