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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
10 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
11 OAKLAND DIVISION

12 DEPOMED, INC., a California
Corporation,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 LUPIN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., a
16 Virginia Corporation, and LUPIN
LIMITED, an Indian Corporation,

17 Defendants.
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Case No. 09-CV-05587 PJH

**FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR
PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

19 Plaintiff Depomed, Inc. complains against defendants Lupin Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and
20 Lupin Limited (collectively “Lupin” or “Defendants”) as follows:

21 **THE PARTIES**

22 1. Plaintiff Depomed, Inc. (“Depomed”) is a corporation organized under the laws of
23 California, having its principal place of business in Menlo Park, California.

24 2. Upon information and belief, Defendant Lupin Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a
25 corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Virginia, having a principal
26 place of business at 111 S. Calvert St., Ste. 2150, Baltimore, Maryland. On information and
27 belief, Lupin Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is registered to do business in the State of California. On
28 information and belief, Lupin Pharmaceuticals, Inc., itself and as the agent and wholly owned

1 subsidiary of Lupin Limited, is in the business of making and selling generic pharmaceutical
2 products, which it distributes through authorized distributors in the State of California and
3 throughout the United States.

4 3. On information and belief, Lupin Limited is a company organized and existing
5 under the laws of India, having a principal place of business at Laxmi Towers, B Wing, Bandra
6 Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai, Maharashtra 400 051, India. On information and belief,
7 Lupin Limited, itself and through its wholly owned subsidiary and agent, Lupin Pharmaceuticals,
8 Inc., is in the business of making and selling generic pharmaceutical products, which it distributes
9 in the State of California and throughout the United States. Lupin Limited is the alter ego of
10 Lupin Pharmaceuticals, Inc. where a unity of interest and ownership exists between Lupin
11 Limited and Lupin Pharmaceuticals such that separate personalities of the two do not in reality
12 exist. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that the Defendants were at all
13 times relevant the partners, officers, agents, assignees, successors-in-interest, co-conspirators,
14 principals, alter egos, or employees of each other or were otherwise responsible for, contributed
15 to, or participated in the acts and omissions alleged herein, and thereby incurred liability
16 therefore.

17 JURISDICTION AND VENUE

18 4. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the
19 United States (Title 35 of the United States Code) and arising from Lupin's filing of an
20 Abbreviated New Drug Application ("ANDA") with the United States Food and Drug
21 Administration ("FDA") seeking approval to market a generic version of Depomed's product
22 Glumetza® prior to the expiration of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,340,475, 6,488,962 and 6,635,280. The
23 Court has subject matter jurisdiction of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1338(a) and
24 Section 2201.

25 5. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Lupin by virtue of the fact that Lupin
26 conducts business in the State of California, and has availed itself of the rights and benefits under
27 California law, and has engaged in substantial and continuous contacts in the State of California.
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1 6. To the extent that Lupin Ltd. successfully contends that it is not doing business in
2 California, personal jurisdiction over Lupin Ltd. is proper under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure
3 4(k)(2).

4 7. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and 1400.

5 **INTRADISTRICT ASSIGNMENT**

6 8. This patent action is in an excepted category for Local Rule 3-2(c), Assignment of
7 a Division, and will be assigned on a district wide basis.

8 **THE PATENTS-IN-SUIT**

9 9. On October 21, 2003, United States Patent No. 6,635,280 (the “‘280 Patent”)
10 entitled “Extending the Duration of Drug Release Within the Stomach During the Fed Mode”
11 issued to Depomed as assignee of the inventors. (A copy of the ‘280 Patent is attached as Exhibit
12 1.)

13 10. On December 3, 2002, United States Patent No. 6,488,962 (the “‘962 Patent”)
14 entitled “Tablet Shapes To Enhance Gastric Retention of Swellable Controlled-Release Oral
15 Dosage Forms” issued to Depomed as assignee of the inventors. (A copy of the ‘962 Patent is
16 attached as Exhibit 2.)

17 11. On January 22, 2002, United States Patent No. 6,340,475 (the “‘475 Patent”)
18 entitled “Extending the Duration of Drug Release Within the Stomach During the Fed Mode”
19 issued to Depomed as assignee of the inventors. (A copy of the ‘475 Patent is attached as Exhibit
20 3.)

21 **GLUMETZA®**

22 12. Depomed holds approved New Drug Application No. 21-748 (the “Depomed
23 NDA”) for metformin hydrochloride tablets in 500 and 1000 mg dosage strengths, which are sold
24 under the trade name Glumetza®.

25 13. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 355(b)(1), and attendant FDA regulations, the ‘280, ‘962
26 and ‘475 patents are listed in the FDA publication, “Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic
27 Equivalence Evaluations” (the “Orange Book), with respect to Glumetza® in the 500 mg dosage.
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1 14. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 355(b)(1), and attendant FDA regulations, the ‘962 patent
2 is listed in the FDA publication, “Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence
3 Evaluations” (the “Orange Book), with respect to Glumetza® in the 1000 mg dosage.

4 **LUPIN’S ANDA**

5 15. On information and belief, Lupin submitted ANDA No. 91-664 (“the Lupin
6 ANDA”) to the FDA, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 355(j), seeking approval to market metformin
7 hydrochloride extended release tablets in the 500 and 1000 mg dosage strengths. The metformin
8 hydrochloride tablets described in the Lupin ANDA are herein referred to as the “Lupin
9 Products” and the 500 mg dosage strength is referred to as the “Lupin 500 mg Product.”

10 16. The Lupin ANDA refers to and relies upon the Glumetza® NDA and contains data
11 that, according to Lupin, demonstrate the bioequivalence of the Lupin Products and Glumetza®.

12 17. Depomed received from Lupin a letter, dated November 6, 2009, (the “Lupin
13 Notification”), stating that Lupin had included a certification in the Lupin ANDA, pursuant to 21
14 U.S.C. § 355(j)(2)(A)(vii)(IV), that the ‘962, ‘280 and ‘475 patents are invalid, or will not be
15 infringed by the commercial manufacture, use, or sale of the Lupin Products (the “Paragraph IV
16 Certification”). (A true and correct copy of the Lupin Notification is attached hereto as Exhibit
17 4.)

18 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**
19 **(Infringement of the ‘962 Patent)**

20 18. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in
21 paragraphs 1 – 17.

22 19. On information and belief, Lupin has infringed the ‘962 Patent, pursuant to 35
23 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2)(A), by submitting the Lupin ANDA, by which Lupin seeks approval from the
24 FDA to engage in the commercial manufacture, use, offer to sell, sale, or importation of the Lupin
25 Products prior to the expiration of the ‘962 Patent.

26 20. Lupin’s commercial manufacture, use, offer to sell, or sale of the Lupin Products
27 within the United States, or importation of the Lupin Products into the United States during the
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1 term of the '962 patent would further infringe the '962 Patent under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271 (a), (b)
2 and/or (c).

3 21. Plaintiff will be substantially and irreparably harmed if Lupin is not enjoined from
4 infringing the '962 Patent.

5 22. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

6 23. This case is exceptional, and Plaintiff is entitled to an award of attorneys' fees
7 under 35 U.S.C. § 285.

8 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**
9 **(Infringement of the '280 Patent)**

10 24. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in
11 paragraphs 1 – 17.

12 25. On information and belief, Lupin has infringed the '280 Patent, pursuant to 35
13 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2)(A), by submitting the Lupin ANDA, by which Lupin seeks approval from the
14 FDA to engage in the commercial manufacture, use, offer to sell, sale, or importation of the Lupin
15 500 mg Product prior to the expiration of the '280 Patent.

16 26. Lupin's commercial manufacture, use, offer to sell, or sale of the Lupin 500 mg
17 Product within the United States, or importation of the Lupin 500 mg Product into the United
18 States during the term of the '280 Patent would further infringe the '280 Patent under 35 U.S.C.
19 §§ 271 (a), (b) and/or (c).

20 27. Plaintiff will be substantially and irreparably harmed if Lupin is not enjoined from
21 infringing the '280 Patent.

22 28. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

23 29. This case is exceptional, and Plaintiff is entitled to an award of attorneys' fees
24 under 35 U.S.C. § 285.

25 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**
26 **(Infringement of the '475 Patent)**

27 30. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in
28 paragraphs 1 – 17.

1 31. On information and belief, Lupin has infringed the ‘475 Patent, pursuant to 35
2 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2)(A), by submitting the Lupin ANDA, by which Lupin seeks approval from the
3 FDA to engage in the commercial manufacture, use, offer to sell, sale, or importation of the Lupin
4 500 mg Product prior to the expiration of the ‘475 Patent.

5 32. Lupin’s commercial manufacture, use, offer to sell, or sale of the Lupin 500 mg
6 Product within the United States, or importation of the Lupin 500 mg Product into the United
7 States during the term of the ‘475 Patent would further infringe the ‘475 Patent under 35 U.S.C.
8 §§ 271 (a), (b) and/or (c).

9 33. Plaintiff will be substantially and irreparably harmed if Lupin is not enjoined from
10 infringing the ‘475 Patent.

11 34. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

12 35. This case is exceptional, and Plaintiff is entitled to an award of attorneys’ fees
13 under 35 U.S.C. § 285.

14 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
15 **(Infringement and Declaratory Judgment of Infringement of the ‘280 Patent)**

16 36. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in
17 paragraphs 1 – 17.

18 37. On information and belief, Lupin has infringed the ‘280 Patent, pursuant to 35
19 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2)(A), by submitting the Lupin ANDA, by which Lupin seeks approval from the
20 FDA to engage in the commercial manufacture, use, offer to sell, sale, or importation of the Lupin
21 1000 mg Product prior to the expiration of the ‘280 Patent.

22 38. As an alternative basis for jurisdiction, Lupin has declared its intent to
23 manufacture, use, offer to sell, or sell in the U.S. or import into the U.S. the Lupin 1000 mg
24 Product in the event that the FDA approves the Lupin ANDA. Indeed, in the face of this suit,
25 Lupin has continued to pursue regulatory approval, further evincing its intent to market an
26 infringing 1000 mg Product upon FDA approval. Moreover, Lupin has sought by way of
27 declaratory relief and adjudication that its 1000 mg Product does not infringe the ‘280 Patent. *See*
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1 Lupin Counterclaims, Count V. Accordingly, an actual and immediate controversy exists under
2 28 U.S.C. Section 2201 regarding infringement under Section 271(a) of the '280 Patent by Lupin.

3 39. Plaintiff will be substantially and irreparably harmed if Lupin is not enjoined from
4 infringing the '280 Patent.

5 40. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

6 41. This case is exceptional, and Plaintiff is entitled to an award of attorneys' fees
7 under 35 U.S.C. § 285.

8 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
9 **(Infringement and Declaratory Judgment of Infringement of the '475 Patent)**

10 42. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in
11 paragraphs 1 – 17.

12 43. On information and belief, Lupin has infringed the '475 Patent, pursuant to 35
13 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2)(A), by submitting the Lupin ANDA, by which Lupin seeks approval from the
14 FDA to engage in the commercial manufacture, use, offer to sell, sale, or importation of the Lupin
15 1000 mg Product prior to the expiration of the '475 Patent.

16 44. As an alternative basis for jurisdiction, Lupin has declared its intent to
17 manufacture, use, offer to sell, or sell in the U.S. or import into the U.S. the Lupin 1000 mg
18 Product in the event that the FDA approves the Lupin ANDA. Indeed, in the face of this suit,
19 Lupin has continued to pursue regulatory approval, further evincing its intent to market an
20 infringing 1000 mg Product upon FDA approval. Moreover, Lupin has sought by way of
21 declaratory relief and adjudication that its 1000 mg Product does not infringe the '475 Patent. *See*
22 Lupin Counterclaims, Count VII. Accordingly, an actual and immediate controversy exists under
23 28 U.S.C. Section 2201 regarding infringement under Section 271(a) of the '475 Patent by Lupin.

24 45. Plaintiff will be substantially and irreparably harmed if Lupin is not enjoined from
25 infringing the '475 Patent.

26 46. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

1 This case is exceptional, and Plaintiff is entitled to an award of attorneys' fees under 35 U.S.C. §
2 285.

3 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

4 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment in against Defendants, Lupin Limited and
5 Lupin Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and respectfully requests the following relief:

- 6 1. A judgment that the '962, '280 and '475 Patents have been infringed by Lupin;
- 7 2. A judgment pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(4)(B) for a preliminary and permanent
8 injunction enjoining Lupin, its officers, agents, servants, employees, and those persons acting in
9 active concert or participation with all or any of them from manufacturing, using, offering to sell,
10 or selling Lupin Products within the United States, or importing the Lupin Products into the
11 United States, prior to the expiration of the '962, '280 and/or '475 Patents;
- 12 3. A judgment ordering that pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(4)(A), the effective date
13 of any approval of ANDA No. 91-040 under § 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic
14 Act (21 U.S.C. § 355(j)) shall not be earlier than the latest of the expiration dates of the '962,
15 '280 and/or '475 Patents, including any extensions;
- 16 4. A judgment declaring and enjoining Lupin, its officers, agents, servants,
17 employees, and those persons acting in active concert or participation with all or any of them
18 from manufacturing, using, offering to sell, or selling Lupin Products within the United States, or
19 importing the Lupin Products into the United States, prior to the expiration of the '962, '280
20 and/or '475 Patents;
- 21 5. If Lupin commercially manufactures, uses offers to sell, or sells the Lupin
22 Products within the United States, or imports the Lupin Products into the United States, prior to
23 the expiration of any of the '962, '280 and '475 Patents, including any extensions, a judgment
24 awarding Plaintiff monetary relief together with interest;
- 25 6. An award of damages together with interest, and a judgment that the damages so
26 adjudged be trebled pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§ 283 and 284;
- 27 7. Judgment that this is an exceptional case and that Plaintiff be awarded its
28 attorneys' fees incurred in this action pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285;

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- 8. Costs and expenses in this action; and
- 9. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and appropriate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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