## TRANSPARENCY IN ANIMAL RESEARCH

**RESOLVED**, to promote transparency and minimize the use of animals, the Board is requested to issue an annual report to shareholders disclosing the following:

1. The number and species of all animals used in-house and at contract research laboratories; the number and species used for explicitly required tests; the number and species used in basic research and development; and the Company's plans to reduce and phase out animal testing wherever possible;

2. Procedures to ensure compliance with basic animal welfare considerations in-house and at contract research laboratories, including enrichment measures to improve living conditions for the animals used.

## Supporting Statement

Product development and testing involve ethical issues relating to animal suffering. In 2008 and 2009 alone, our Company experimented on 96,808 animals in-house. This number does not include mice and rats or animals used for Pfizer experiments in contract research laboratories. Among others, 1,725 primates, 5,317 dogs, 11,344 rabbits, 61,577 hamsters, 149 horses, and 1,807 cats were used. More than 27,000 of these animals were used in painful experiments; nearly half were given no pain relief whatsoever.<sup>1</sup>

Animals used in laboratory experiments experience pain, fear and stress. They spend their lives in unnatural settings – caged and deprived of companionship – and subjected to painful experiments. This is the reality for animals in laboratories. What should not be the norm is the outright torture of defenseless animals.

A recent undercover investigation of a Pfizer contract research organization, Professional Laboratory and Research Services, Inc., shows that Pfizer has hired a laboratory where animals suffered above and beyond the commissioned tests even though our Company's animal welfare policy specifically states that "we perform welfare audits of third party facilities."<sup>2</sup> Documentation and video footage<sup>3</sup> from this investigation showed:

- Sick and injured animals regularly denied veterinary care;
- An inadequately anesthetized dog struggling while an untrained worker extracts his tooth with pliers;
- Cats slammed into cages;
- Cats and dogs sprayed with pressure hoses;
- Technicians screaming obscenities at animals while dragging, throwing, and kicking them;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\_welfare/efoia/7023.shtml</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>http://www.pfizer.com/research/research\_clinical\_trials/laboratory\_animal\_care.jsp</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> <u>http://origin.www.peta.org/tv/videos/animal-experimentation/599609536001.aspx</u>

- One worker repeatedly tried to rip out a cat's nails;
- Filth and deafening noise.

Our company has the ability and the obligation to ensure that no animal suffers from lack of veterinary care, poor housing, or outright mistreatment. Further, our Company has an ethical and fiscal obligation to ensure that a minimum number of animals are used and that the best science possible is employed in the development of products. Given the fact that 92% of drugs deemed safe and effective when tested in animals fail when tested in humans and that, of the remaining 8%, half are later relabeled or withdrawn due to unanticipated, severe adverse effects, there is a clear scientific imperative for improving how our Company's products are tested.<sup>4</sup>

We urge shareholders to vote in favor of this socially and ethically important public policy proposal.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> FDA Commissioner: <u>http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Speeches/ucm053539.htm</u>

Recent advances biology can do much to reduce and replace the use of animals in experiments.