

AMGEN

REPORT ON ANIMAL WELFARE ACT VIOLATIONS

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RESOLVED, that the Board report to shareholders on the measures it has undertaken to resolve, correct and prevent further U. S. Department of Agriculture ("USDA") citations for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Supporting Statement:

The Animal Welfare Act of 1966 ("the "Act") is the only law that provides minimal protections for animals used in research.¹ The USDA is charged with enforcing the Act through its Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service ("APHIS"). When APHIS conducts an inspection of a research facility, it issues an inspection report which details any violations observed by the inspector.

For example, in five inspections that APHIS conducted of Amgen animal research laboratories from November 2004 through March 2006, multiple violations were noted in each.² Those violations ranged from unsanitary conditions and deficient recordkeeping, to rabbits being forced to live in cages so small that normal posture was impossible. A sampling of the violations APHIS inspectors observed includes:

- A room used "to perform rabbit procedures" was left uncleaned and unsanitized after use.

¹ The Act does not cover the vast majority of animals used in laboratories, namely birds, rats, and mice.

² The USDA inspection reports cover three research facilities at which Amgen conducts animal experiments. The inspection reports were requested and obtained under the Freedom of Information Act. The 2006 inspection reports were the most currently available at the time of filing this resolution.

- Essential records were not kept with respect to serial blood sampling of animals, prompting the USDA inspector to note that "[r]emoving excess amounts of blood may cause discomfort, pain and distress to research animals."
- Hazardous chemical compounds were set on top of feed containers.
- Proper documentation of veterinary care was lacking.
- Two to three adult rabbits were housed in a single two-square foot cage for up to four weeks inhibiting normal postural adjustments and freedom of movement.

Further, the two most recent Annual Research Facility Reports filed with the USDA show that Amgen used dogs, guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits and pigs in experiments.³ Amgen used 1,884 rabbits of whom 467 were subjected to unalleviated pain or distress, and 282 guinea pigs of whom 88 were subjected to pain or distress without any relief.

Amgen's *Guidelines on the Care and Ethical Use of Animals in Research* is published on its Website.⁴ The Company makes the following representation: "The care and use of all laboratory animals meets or exceeds relevant local, national and international regulations."

The USDA violations demonstrate that the Company's care of its laboratory animals falls short of minimal standards, much less "meets or exceeds" national standards. Shareholders must hold the Company accountable for the conditions under which the animals it uses in experiments are suffering. We urge our fellow shareholders to vote for this resolution.

³ These Annual Research Facility Reports do not include mice, rats, or birds who have no legal protections as explained in footnote No. 1.

⁴ http://wwwext.amgen.com/science/ethical_research.html