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SECURITIES CLASS ACTION FILINGS AND SETTLEMENTS

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SECURITIES CLASS ACTION FILINGS – CHART I

AUGUST 2004 Defendant	SEPTEMBER 2004 Defendant	OCTOBER 2004 Defendant	NOVEMBER 2004 Defendant
Taro Pharmaceutical Ind., Ltd. 08/02/04	Concord Camera Corporation 09/01/04	Converium Holding AG 10/04/04	SOURCECORP, Inc. 11/01/04
Thoratec Corporation 08/03/04	deCODE genetics, Inc. 09/01/04	Apollo Group, Inc. 10/12/04	Embarcadero Technologies, Inc. 11/04/04
InVision Technologies, Inc. 08/04/04	STAAR Surgical Company 09/01/04	Chiron Corporation 10/12/04	Tripath Technology, Inc. 11/04/04
Cross Country Healthcare, Inc. 08/05/04	Lattice Semiconductor Corp. 09/03/04	Intelligroup, Inc. 10/12/04	JAKKS Pacific, Inc. 11/05/04
Express Scripts, Inc. 08/05/04	Nektar Therapeutics 09/03/04	AIG 10/15/04	Swift Transportation Co., Inc. 11/05/04
Wireless Facilities, Inc. 08/05/04	Oppenheimer Funds, Inc. 09/03/04	AXT, Inc. 10/15/04	MedQuist Inc. 11/08/04
Biolase Technologies, Inc. 08/06/04	Team Telecom International, Inc. 09/03/04	March & McLennan Cos., Inc. 10/15/04	Aspen Technology, Inc. 11/09/04
Ceridian Corporation 08/06/04	Zix Corporation 09/03/04	The Hartford Financial Services 10/15/04	IMPAX Laboratories, Inc. 11/12/04
Allied Waste Industries, Inc. 08/09/04	IMPAC Medical Systems, Inc. 09/08/04	ACE Limited 10/18/04	RS Invstmnt Trust & Mgmt LLP 11/12/04
Citigroup, Inc. 08/09/04	IAC/InterActiveCorp 09/20/04	HiEnergy Technologies, Inc. 10/18/04	H&R Block Financial Advisors 11/15/04
Ligand Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 08/09/04	Maxim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 09/21/04	ECtel, Ltd. & ECI Telecom Ltd. 10/19/04	XOMA, Ltd. 11/16/04
World Information Technology 08/10/04	Radiation Therapy Services, Inc. 09/21/04	MetLife, Inc. 10/21/04	UTStarcom, Inc. 11/17/04
Vistacrae, Inc. 08/11/04	Federal Nat'l Mortgage Assoc. 09/23/04	Star Gas Partners, L.P. 10/21/04	Sirva, Inc. 11/19/04
CP Ships Limited 08/12/04	New York Community Bancorp 09/24/04	Valassis Communications, Inc. 10/22/04	Anchor Glass Container Corp. 11/23/04
US Unwired, Inc. 08/12/04	StonePath Group, Inc. 09/24/04	Aon Corporation 10/25/04	Sears Roebuck & Co. 11/24/04
St. Paul Travelers Cos., Inc. 08/13/04	REMEC, Inc. 09/27/04	Dobson Communications, Inc. 10/25/04	
CNL Hotels & Resorts, Inc. 08/16/04	United Rental, Inc. 09/27/04	AXIS Capital Holdings Ltd. 10/28/04	
Netopia, Inc. 08/17/04	Digimarc Corporation 09/28/04	Autobyte, Inc. 10/29/04	
PetMed Express Inc. 08/17/04	Tommy Hilfiger Corporation 09/28/04		
Primus Telecomm. Group, Inc. 8/17/05	Infineon Technologies AG 09/30/04		
Golden State Vintners, Inc. 08/19/04			
KongZhong Corporation 08/19/04			
Intergrated Electrical Services, Inc 08/20/04			
Belo Corporation 08/23/04			
First Virtual Communications, Inc 08/25/04			
Synopsys, Inc. 08/25/04			
TECO Energy, Inc. 08/25/04			
The Wet Seal, Inc. 08/26/04			

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GeoPharma, Inc. 12/02/04	Atherogenics, Inc. 01/05/05	Sierra Wireless, Inc. 02/02/05	Advd. Neuromodulation Sys., Inc 03/01/05
ASE,AMEX Spclst Firm&Amtrtd 12/06/04	China Aviation Oil Corp. Ltd. 01/05/05	A.G. Edwards, Inc. 02/04/05	Bradley Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 03/02/05
Praecis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 12/09/04	Input/Output, Inc. 01/11/05	Tower Automotive, Inc. 02/04/05	Leadis Technology, Inc. 03/02/05
Supportsoft, Inc. 12/09/04	TASER International, Inc. 01/11/05	Bombardier, Inc. 02/07/05	Molex Inc. 03/02/05
Vimpel-Communications 12/10/04	OfficeMax, Inc. 01/13/05	Dynex Capital, Inc. 02/07/05	Biogen Idec, Inc. 03/03/05
Ent & Imler CPA Group, PC 12/13/04	CIB Marine Bancshares, Inc. 01/14/05	Fox Entertainment Group, Inc. 02/08/05	Elan Corporation, plc 03/03/05
Royal Group Technologies, Ltd. 12/14/04	Citadel Security Software, Inc. 01/14/05	Hypercom Corporation 02/08/05	ChoicePoint, Inc. 03/04/05
Pfizer, Inc. 12/15/04	iPass, Inc. 01/14/05	Axonyx Inc. 02/15/05	Delphi Corporation 03/07/05
OSI Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 12/16/04	Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, Inc. 01/14/05	eSpeed, Inc. 02/15/05	iMergent, Inc. 03/08/05
Charlotte Russe Holdings, Inc. 12/17/04	Am. Bus. Financial Services, Inc. 01/18/05	Inspire Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 02/15/05	Textainer Partnership 03/08/05
Conexant Systems, Inc. 12/17/04	Shurgard Storage Centers, Inc. 01/19/05	SINA Corporation 02/15/05	Viisage Technology, Inc. 03/08/05
	IT Group, Inc. 01/20/05	Veeco Instruments, Inc. 02/15/05	Cell Therapeutics, Inc. 03/10/05
	51job, Inc. 01/21/05	Audible, Inc. 02/22/05	Applied Signal Technology, Inc. 03/11/05
	Huffy Corporation 01/21/05	Mamma.com Inc. 02/22/05	EchoStar Comm. Corporation 03/11/05
	Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. 01/21/05	Visteon Corporation 02/25/05	Forest Laboratories, Inc. 03/11/05
	Morgan Stanley DW, Inc. 01/21/05		Electronic Arts Inc. (EA) 03/24/05
	Silicon Storage Technology, Inc. 01/21/05		Orange 21, Inc. 03/25/05
	Pharmos Corporation 01/24/05		
	Sipex Corporation 01/24/05		
	Linsco/Private Ledger Corp. 01/26/05		
	AstraZeneca PLC 01/27/05		
	EPIX Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 01/27/05		
	Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 01/28/05		
	Gander Mountain Company 01/28/05		
	Direct General Corporation 01/31/05		
	First Command Fncl Planning, Inc 01/31/05		
	Silicon Image, Inc. 01/31/05		

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MBIA, Inc. 04/05/05	Tribune Company 05/02/05	DreamWorks Animation SKG, Inc 06/01/05	Maytag Corporation 07/05/05
Collins & Aikman Corp. 04/06/05	Martek Biosciences Corporation 05/04/05	Carrier Access Corporation 06/02/05	Trex Company, Inc. 07/08/05
Rhodia S.A. 04/07/05	MBNA Corporation 05/05/05	Possis Medical, Inc. 06/02/05	StarTek, Inc. 07/08/05
WatchGuard Technologies, Inc. 04/08/05	FindWhat.com 05/06/05	AuthentiDate Holding Corp. 06/04/05	IBM 07/08/05
Blue Coat Systems, Inc. 04/11/05	The Coca-Cola Company 05/09/05	Boston Comm. Group, Inc. 06/06/05	Majesco Entertainment Co. 07/18/05
GlaxoSmithKline plc 04/12/05	Friedman,Billings, Ramsey Group 05/11/05	Newmont Mining Corporation 06/08/05	Ramp Corporation 07/19/05
Xybernaut Corporation 04/15/05	Molson Coors Brewing Co. 05/13/05	OCA, Inc. 06/08/05	Molina Healthcare, Inc. 07/27/05
PETCO Animal Supplies, Inc. 04/18/05	AIG 05/16/05	Eastman Kodak Company 06/10/05	RenaissanceRE Holdings, Inc. 07/28/05
Sharper Image Corporation 04/18/05	Gravity Co., Ltd. 05/18/05	DRDGOLD Limited 06/13/05	Avon Products, Inc. 07/29/05
Doral Financial Corporation 04/20/05	Harley-Davidson, Inc. 05/18/05	Magma Design Automation, Inc. 06/13/05	
BearingPoint, Inc. 04/25/05	Willbros Group, Inc. 05/18/05	Navarre Corp. 06/13/05	
LeapFrog Enterprises, Inc. 04/25/05	Brocade Comm. Systems, Inc. 05/19/05	Ditech Communications Corp. 06/14/05	
R&G Financial Corporation 04/27/05	Corn Products International, Inc. 05/20/05	Exide Technologies 06/15/05	
Avaya, Inc. 04/29/05	Able Laboratories, Inc. 05/23/05	Pathmark Stores, Inc. 06/15/05	
Tyco Internatinal Ltd. 04/29/05	Cray, Inc. 05/24/05	Lazard Ltd. 06/16/05	
	StockerYale, Inc. 05/25/05	PEMSTAR, Inc. 06/16/05	
	Tibco Software, Inc. 05/26/05	Cyberonics, Inc. 06/17/05	
	United Am. Healthcare Corp. 05/27/05	ConAgra Foods, Inc. 06/21/05	
		Hilb Rogal & Hobbs Co. 06/23/05	
		Guidant Corporation 06/24/05	

SECURITIES CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENTS – CHART II

AUGUST 2004 Defendant	SEPTEMBER 2004 Defendant	OCTOBER 2004 Defendant	NOVEMBER 2004 Defendant
FirstEnergy Corp. 08/02/04 \$89.9M	Pimco 09/04/04 \$11M	Ahold NV 10/01/04 \$9.9M	Descartes Sys Grp Inc. 11/02/04 \$1.5M
Bristol-Myers Squibb 08/05/04 \$150M	Invesco & AIM 09/08/04 \$450M	Torch Offshore 10/01/04 Dismissed	Wachovia Corp. 11/04/04 \$37M
Amylin Pharmaceuticals 08/06/04 \$2M	Qwest 09/10/04 \$250M	KPMG 10/20/04 \$10M	Presstek, Inc. 11/04/04 Dismissed
Charter 08/09/04 \$144M	American Electric Power 09/14/04 Dismissed		Goldman Sachs Group Inc. 11/04/04 \$13.7M
Crompton Corporation 08/11/04 \$5M	Procom Technology, Inc. 09/16/04 Unknown		Elan 11/09/04 \$90M
Aegon NV 08/12/04 Dismissed	Lehman Bros. Holdings Inc. 09/24/04 \$222.5M		ViroPharma Inc. 11/17/04 \$9M
CareScience, Inc. 08/18/04 \$3.3M	IBM. 09/30/04 \$320M		Guidant Corp. 11/17/04 Dismissed
Ford Motor Co. 08/30/04 Dismissed			Pilgrim and Baxter 11/17/04 \$160M
Tower Semiconductor Ltd. 08/30/04 Dismissed			Bridgestone Corporation 11/23/04 Dismissed
			AIG 11/24/04 \$126M
			Heritage Healthcare 11/24/04 \$4M
			Mircotune®, Inc. 11/29/04 \$5.625M

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DECEMBER 2004 Defendant	JANUARY 2005 Defendant	FEBRUARY 2005 Defendant	MARCH 2005 Defendant
Clean Harbors Inc. 12/02/04 Dismissed	Gemstar 01/04/05 \$10M	Quality Dining, Inc. 02/09/05 Dismissed	ICT GROUP, INC. 03/01/05 \$14.5M
Amdocs Limited 12/06/04 Dismissed	Bausch & Lomb, Inc. 01/11/05 \$12.5M	ImClone Systems Inc. 02/19/05 \$75M	Sunterra Corporation 03/01/05 \$4.45M
Quintus Corporation 12/07/04 \$13M	McKesson 01/13/05 \$960M	Novell Inc. 02/25/05 \$13.9M	Marsh & McLennan 03/01/05 \$850M
Crossroads Systems, Inc. 12/09/04 \$4.35M	Deutsche Telekom AG 01/29/05 \$120M		Citigroup 03/02/05 \$75M
Endocare, Inc. 12/12/04 \$8.95M	ConAgra Foods Inc. 01/30/05 \$14M		PriceSmart, Inc. 03/03/05 \$2.35M
NorthWestern Corp 12/14/04 \$41M			Bank of America Corp. 03/04/05 \$460.5M
Time Warner Inc. 12/15/04 \$500M			Aon Corp 03/05/05 \$190M
PNC Fincl Svcs Grp Inc. 12/27/04 \$30M			Homestore Inc. 03/08/05 \$93M
Alloy, Inc. 12/27/04 Dismissed			Lloyd's of London 03/09/05 \$1.9M
Cellular Tech Svcs Co, Inc. 12/29/04 Dismissed			Deutsche Bank 03/11/05 \$325M
			PricewaterhouseCoopers 03/15/05 \$19.2M
			PEMSTAR Inc. 03/12/05 \$12M
			Verdisys, Inc. 03/21/05 Stock
			Vodafone Group PLC 03/24/05 \$24.5M
			OM Group, Inc. 03/24/05 \$84.5M
			Vertex Phrmctcls, Inc. 03/29/05 Dismissed
			Alamosa Holdings, Inc. 03/30/05 Dismissed
			JP Morgan Chase 03/30/05 Dismissed
			PricewaterhouseCoopers 03/31/05 \$48M

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APRIL 2005 Defendant	MAY 2005 Defendant	JUNE 2005 Defendant	JULY 2005 Defendant
Corning Incorporated 04/01/05 Dismissed	Safety-Kleen Corp. 05/02/05 \$36M	Vaso Active Pharm, Inc. 06/02/05 Unknown	PricewaterhouseCoopers 07/01/05 \$17.5M
Fifth Third Bancorp 04/01/05 \$17M	Andrx Corp. 05/14/05 \$2.5M	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. 06/05/05 \$300M	AIG 07/05/05 \$15M
Peregrine Ex-Directors 04/02/05 Dismissed	Arthur Anderson 05/16/05 \$65M	CVS Corp. 06/07/05 \$110M	Charter Comm. Inc. 07/06/05 \$83M
Netflix 04/05/05 Dismissed	Adelphia 05/20/05 \$715M	Canadian Superior Energy Inc. 06/08/05 \$3.2M	CMS Energy Corp. 07/08/05 \$12M
WorldCom Inc. directors 04/05/05 \$55.25M	Novell 05/27/05 \$13.9M	HealthSouth Corp. 06/09/05 \$100M	Dynegy 07/09/05 \$474M
Aerosonic Corporation 04/05/05 \$800M	Paradigm Medical Ind Inc 05/27/05 \$1.5M	Citigroup 06/10/05 \$2B	Washington Group Int'l 07/11/05 \$39M
Microtune®, Inc. 04/06/05 \$5.6M		TXU Corp. 06/10/05 Unknown	Tripath 07/12/05 Unknown
Abatix Corp. 04/07/05 \$900m		Bristol-Myers Squibb 06/13/05 \$89M	Smithfield Foods, Inc. 07/12/05 Dismissed
VaxGen, Inc. 04/11/05 Dismissed		Cable & Wireless 06/15/05 \$7M	Xcel Energy Inc. 07/12/05 \$8M
Cytec Corp. 04/12/05 Dismissed		JPMorgan Chase 06/15/05 \$2.2B	Canadian Imp Bank of Com 07/21/05 \$125M
Dynegy Inc. 04/18/05 \$468M		Retirement Sys of AL 06/15/05 \$49M	CryoLife, Inc. 07/28/05 \$23.25M
Westar Energy Inc. 04/20/05 \$32.5M		Goodkind & Glancy Binkow 06/17/05 \$2.4M	NDCHealth Corp. 07/28/05 Dismissed
Morgan Stanley 04/21/05 \$41.5M		Broadcom (BRCM) 06/24/05 \$150M	
AFC Enterprises 04/23/05 \$15M		Micromuse Inc. 06/27/05 Unknown	
Adelphia Comm. Corp. 04/25/05 \$715M			
Ravisent Tech Inc. 04/25/05 \$7M			
Deloitte & Touche 04/27/05 \$50M			
Frdmn, Bllngs, Rmsy Grp 04/27/05 \$7.5M			
Zomax, Inc. 04/28/05 \$2.25M			
Skechers USA, Inc. 04/29/05 Dismissed			
Federated Dep't Tres Inc. 04/30/05 Dismissed			
Alamosa Holdings Inc. 04/30/05 Dismissed			