30th December, 2016

The National Stock Exchange of India Ltd
Exchange Plaza, Bandra Kurla Complex
Mumbai - 400 051

Bombay Stock Exchange Limited
1st floor, Rotunda Building, Dalal Street
Fort, Mumbai - 400 001

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Sub: - Demand Notice from NPPA (National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority)**

Pursuant to Regulation 30 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 this is to inform you that the Company has received a demand notice from National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) demanding a sum of Rs. 11.68 crores plus interest Rs. 15.78 crores alleging overcharging of price of the formulation, Polybion L 100 ML syrup, during the period from January 2006 to June 2009. The government has issued the demand notice despite the fact that the Company was neither a manufacturer nor a marketer of the subject drug. The Company will challenge the said orders and will defend itself vigorously. The Company has been legally advised it has a good defendable case on merits.

Kindly take the same on record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
For **Merck Limited**

**Vikas R. Gupta**
**General Counsel & Company Secretary**

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