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Dear Sirs

Sub:- Press Release

Please find enclosed a press note issued by our company for your information and record

Thanking you

Yours faithfully
For NATCO Pharma Limited

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M Adinarayana
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Encl: as above



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NATCO granted compulsory licence for Nexavar
First of its kind, a landmark order

The Hyderabad based **NATCO** Pharma Limited is pleased to announce the granting of a compulsory licence to it, under the provisions of Section 84 of the Indian Patents Act, 1970 for Sorafenib Tosylate (Brand Name : Nexavar owned by Bayer Corporation). Nexavar is the first-line treatment for liver and kidney cancer.

The Compulsory License, first of its kind granted, enables **NATCO** to sell the drug at a price not exceeding Rs. 8880 for a pack of 120 tablets (one month's therapy) against Rs. 284,428 being the cost of Nexavar sold by Bayer. The license is valid till the expiry of the patent - 2021.

The order is subject to certain conditions such as maintaining account of sales, and payment of royalty at 6% of the net sales on a quarterly basis etc. The order also makes it obligatory for **NATCO** to supply the drug free of cost to at least 600 needy and deserving patients per year.

NATCO welcomes this order and opines that this opens up a new avenue of availability of life savings drugs at an affordable price to the suffering masses in India.

Forwarded for favor of publication

For **NATCO PHARMA LIMITED**


M. ADINARAYANA
Company Secretary & G.M.
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