

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

RECKITT BENCKISER
PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., RB
PHARMACEUTICALS LIMITED, and
MONOSOL RX, LLC,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ALVOGEN PINE BROOK, INC. and
ALVOGEN GROUP, INC.

Defendants.

CA. No. _____

COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs Reckitt Benckiser Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (“RBP”), RB Pharmaceuticals Limited (“RBP UK”), and MonoSol Rx, LLC (“MonoSol”) (collectively, “Plaintiffs”) file this Complaint against Defendants Alvogen Pine Brook, Inc. (“Alvogen PB”) and Alvogen Group, Inc. (“Alvogen Group”) (collectively, “Defendants”) and allege as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the Food and Drug Laws and Patent Laws of the United States, Titles 21 and 35 of the United States Code, respectively, arising from Defendant Alvogen PB’s submission of an Abbreviated New Drug Application (“ANDA”) to the Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) seeking approval to manufacture, use, and sell a generic version of Plaintiff RBP’s Suboxone® sublingual film prior to the expiration of United States Patent Nos. 8,475,832 (“the ’832 patent”) and 8,017,150 (“the ’150 patent”) (collectively, “the patents-in-suit”).

THE PARTIES

2. Plaintiff RBP is a Delaware corporation having a principal place of business at 10710 Midlothian Turnpike, Suite 430, Richmond, Virginia.

3. Plaintiff RBP UK is a United Kingdom corporation having a principal place of business at 103-105 Bath Road, Slough, UK.

4. Plaintiff MonoSol is a Delaware limited liability corporation having a principal place of business at 30 Technology Drive, Warren, New Jersey.

5. On information and belief, Defendant Alvogen Group is a Delaware corporation having a principal place of business at 10 Bloomfield Avenue, Building B, Pine Brook, New Jersey.

6. On information and belief, Defendant Alvogen PB is a Delaware corporation having a principal place of business at 10 Bloomfield Avenue, Building B, Pine Brook, New Jersey.

7. On information and belief, Alvogen PB is a subsidiary of Alvogen Group.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

8. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1338(a), 2201, and 2202.

9. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Alvogen Group because Alvogen Group is incorporated in Delaware, has previously submitted to the jurisdiction of this judicial district, and directly and/or indirectly engages in marketing and sales activities in this judicial district, including, but not limited to, the substantial, continuous, and systematic marketing and/or selling of generic pharmaceutical products to residents of this judicial district.

10. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Alvogen PB because Alvogen PB is incorporated in Delaware, has previously submitted to the jurisdiction of this judicial district, and

engages in marketing and sales activities in this judicial district, including, but not limited to, the substantial, continuous, and systematic marketing and/or selling of generic pharmaceutical products to residents of this judicial district.

11. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400.

THE PATENTS-IN-SUIT

12. Plaintiff RBP UK is the lawful owner of the '832 patent. The '832 patent, entitled "Sublingual and Buccal Film Compositions," duly and legally issued on July 2, 2013, naming Garry L. Myers, Samuel D. Hillbert, Bill J. Boone, B. Arlie Bogue, Pradeep Sanghvi, and Madhusudan Hariharan as inventors. A true copy of the '832 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

13. Plaintiff MonoSol is the lawful owner of the '150 patent, and Plaintiff RBP is an exclusive licensee of the '150 patent. The '150 patent, entitled "Polyethylene Oxide-Based Films and Drug Delivery Systems Made Therefrom," duly and legally issued on September 13, 2011, naming Robert K. Yang, Richard C. Fuisz, Garry L. Myers, and Joseph M. Fuisz as inventors. A true copy of the '150 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

SUBOXONE® SUBLINGUAL FILM

14. Plaintiff RBP is the holder of New Drug Application ("NDA") No. 22-410 for Suboxone® (buprenorphine hydrochloride and naloxone hydrochloride) sublingual film.

15. On August 30, 2010, the FDA approved NDA No. 22-410 for the manufacture, marketing, and sale of Suboxone® sublingual film for the maintenance treatment of opioid dependence. Plaintiff RBP has sold Suboxone® sublingual film under NDA No. 22-410 since its approval.

16. The patents-in-suit are listed in the FDA's Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations (the "Orange Book") as covering Suboxone® sublingual film.

DEFENDANTS' ANDA

17. Plaintiffs received letters from "Alvogen" dated October 25, 2013 and November 21, 2013 (the "Notification Letters"), stating that ANDA No. 205954 contains a certification pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(2)(A)(vii)(IV) (a "Paragraph IV certification") alleging that the '832 and '150 patents are invalid, unenforceable, and/or will not be infringed by the commercial manufacture, use, or sale of the generic product proposed in the ANDA.

18. The Notification Letters further state that Alvogen PB submitted ANDA No. 205954 to the FDA under 21 U.S.C. § 355(j), seeking approval to engage in commercial manufacture, use, or sale of buprenorphine and naloxone sublingual film ("Defendants' generic product") before expiration of the patents-in-suit. On information and belief, ANDA No. 205954 refers to and relies on Plaintiff RBP's NDA for Suboxone® sublingual film and purports to contain data showing bioequivalence of Defendants' generic product with Suboxone® sublingual film.

19. Plaintiffs commenced this action within 45 days of receiving the Notification Letter dated October 25, 2013.

COUNT I

(Infringement of the '832 Patent Under 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2))

20. Plaintiffs reallege paragraphs 1-19 above as if fully set forth herein.

21. On information and belief, Defendants' generic product is covered by one or more claims of the '832 patent.

22. By filing ANDA No. 205954 under 21 U.S.C. § 355(j) for the purposes of obtaining approval to engage in the commercial manufacture, use, or sale of Defendants' generic product prior to the expiration of the '832 patent, Defendants have committed an act of infringement of the '832 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2).

23. Plaintiffs are entitled to the relief provided by 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(4), including, *inter alia*, an order of this Court that the FDA set the effective date of approval for ANDA No. 205954 to be a date which is not any earlier than the expiration date of the '832 patent, including any extensions of that date.

COUNT II

(Declaratory Judgment of Infringement of the '832 Patent Under 35 U.S.C. § 271(a-c))

24. Plaintiffs reallege paragraphs 1-23 above as if fully set forth herein.

25. On information and belief, unless enjoined by this Court, Defendants plan and intend to engage in the manufacture, use, offer for sale, sale, marketing, distribution, and/or importation of Defendants' generic product with its proposed labeling immediately following approval of ANDA No. 205954.

26. On information and belief, Defendants' commercial importation, manufacture, use, sale, and/or offer for sale of Defendants' generic product before the expiration of the '832 patent would infringe one or more claims of the '832 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271(a)-(c).

27. On information and belief, by seeking approval to distribute Defendants' generic product with its proposed labeling, Defendants intend to cause others, specifically, for example, medical professionals and patients, to perform acts that Defendants know will infringe one or more claims of the '832 patent.

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