

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

DR. REDDY’S LABORATORIES, INC., and	:	
DR. REDDY’S LABORATORIES, LTD.,	:	
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Plaintiffs,	:	
	:	
v.	:	Case No. _____
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FRESENIUS KABI USA, LLC,	:	
	:	
Defendant.	:	

**DR. REDDY’S LABORATORIES, LTD.’S AND
DR. REDDY’S LABORATORIES, INC.’S
COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT**

Plaintiffs Dr. Reddy’s Laboratories, Ltd. and Dr. Reddy’s Laboratories, Inc. (collectively, “DRL”) for their Complaint against Fresenius Kabi USA, LLC. (“Fresenius”) allege as follows:

PARTIES

1. Plaintiff Dr. Reddy’s Laboratories, Ltd. is an Indian corporation, with its principal place of business at Door No 8-2-337, Road No 3, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad - 500034, Andhra Pradesh, India.

2. Plaintiff Dr. Reddy’s Laboratories, Inc. is a New Jersey corporation, with its principal place of business at 107 College Road East, Princeton, NJ 08540.

3. Upon information and belief, Defendant Fresenius Kabi USA, LLC. (“Fresenius”) is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business at Three Corporate Drive, Lake Zurich, Illinois 60047.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. DRL realleges and incorporates by reference each of the allegations of paragraphs 1-3.

5. This action arises under, *inter alia*, the Patent Laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 1 *et seq.*; the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202; and the MMA, 28 U.S.C. § 355(j)(5)(C) and 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(5).

6. A substantial, present, genuine and justiciable controversy exists between DRL and Fresenius with respect to United States Patent No. 8,476,010 (“the ‘010 patent”).

7. This Court has original jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a), because this action involves substantial claims arising under the United States Patent Act, 35 U.S.C. §§ 1 *et seq.*; under the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202, because it is an actual controversy concerning the ‘010 patent.

8. This Court can and should declare the rights and legal relations of the parties regarding the ‘010 patent pursuant to, *inter alia*, the United States Patent Act, 35 U.S.C. §§ 1 *et seq.* and the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202.

9. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Fresenius, *inter alia*, because of Fresenius’s continuous and systematic contacts with the State of Delaware, including its conducting of substantial and regular business therein through the marketing and sales of its pharmaceutical products in Delaware, and because Fresenius has availed itself of the jurisdiction of this Court by initiating litigation in this District. *See, e.g., Fresenius Kabi, USA, LLC v. Dr. Reddy’s Laboratories, Ltd., et. al*, No. 1:13-cv-925-RGA, filed June 10, 2013; *Fresenius Kabi, USA, LLC v. Dr. Reddy’s Laboratories, Ltd., et. al*, No. 1:14-cv-160-RGA, filed February 6, 2014.

10. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and (c) and/or 1400(b).

BACKGROUND

11. Upon information and belief, Fresenius is the holder of approved New Drug Application (“NDA”) No. 19627, and markets Diprivan®, known generically as propofol injectable emulsion product containing 10 mg propofol per 1 ml of emulsion, throughout the United States pursuant to NDA No. 19627.

12. Upon information and belief, Fresenius owns United States Patent No. 8,476,010 (“the ‘010 patent”). By virtue of patent information that Fresenius submitted to United States Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) in connection with NDA No. 19627, the ‘010 patent is listed in FDA’s compilation of approved drugs and their respective patents entitled “Approved Drug Products With Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations,” commonly referred to as the “Orange Book.”

13. Upon information and belief, the ‘010 patent, entitled “Propofol Formulations with Non-Reactive Container Closures”, issued on July 2, 2013 to Fresenius.

14. Upon information and belief, Fresenius also owns United States Patent Nos. 5,714,520 (“the ‘520 patent”), 5,731,355 (“the ‘355 patent”), 5,731,356 (“the ‘356 patent”), and 5,908,869 (“the ‘869 patent”), which are also listed in the Orange Book.

15. DRL filed an Abbreviated New Drug Application (“ANDA”) with the FDA to sell a generic version of Fresenius’s propofol injectable emulsion containing 10 mg propofol per 1 ml of the emulsion, marketed by Fresenius under the name Diprivan®. The ANDA number is 205067.

16. In conjunction with the filing of ANDA no. 205067, DRL filed “Paragraph IV certifications” with respect to each of the patents which were then listed in the “the “Orange Book,” with respect to Fresenius’s Diprivan®. Those patents are United States Patent Nos. 5,714,520 (“the ‘520 patent”), 5,731,355 (“the ‘355 patent”), 5,731,356 (“the ‘356 patent”), and 5,908,869 (“the ‘869 patent”). The ‘520, ‘355, ‘356, and ‘869 patents, each of which will expire on September 22, 2015, are still listed in the Orange Book.

17. DRL amended its ANDA No. 205067 to include a Paragraph IV certification for the ‘010 patent after the ‘010 patent issued on July 2, 2013 and was subsequently listed in the Orange Book for Diprivan®.

18. DRL filed ANDA No. 205067 to obtain FDA approval to engage in the commercial manufacture, use, and sale of DRL’s propofol injectable emulsion product prior to expiration of the ‘520, ‘355, ‘356, ‘869, and ‘010 patents.

19. Fresenius brought a patent infringement action against DRL in this Court on May 23, 2013, asserting infringement of the ‘520, ‘355, ‘356, and ‘869 patents listed in the Orange Book under Fresenius’ Diprivan® (Civil Action No. 1:13-cv-00925).

20. This Court issued a decision and final judgment dated September 8, 2014 after trial that DRL’s proposed propofol injectable emulsion product according to ANDA No. 205067 does not infringe the ‘520, ‘355, ‘356, and ‘869 patents. Fresenius did not appeal that decision with the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

21. After the ‘010 patent issued and was subsequently listed in the Orange Book, Fresenius brought a separate patent infringement action against DRL in this Court asserting infringement of the ‘010 patent (Civil Action No. 1:14-cv-00160, “the DRL ‘010 Patent Case”) on February 6, 2014.

22. DRL counterclaimed in the DRL '010 Patent Case for a declaratory judgment that the '010 patent is either invalid and/or DRL will not infringe the '010 patent. Fresenius admitted that this Court has subject matter jurisdiction over DRL's declaratory judgment action in the DRL '010 Patent Case.

23. On March 3, 2015, the DRL '010 Patent Case was dismissed without prejudice.

The Hatch-Waxman Regulatory Framework

24. The Hatch-Waxman Act provides that the first applicant to file a substantially complete ANDA containing a Paragraph IV certification to a listed patent will be eligible for a 180-day period of marketing exclusivity beginning on the earlier of the date it begins commercial marketing of its generic drug product, or from the date of a final decision of a court from which no appeal (other than a petition to the Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari) has been or can be taken.

25. These two events - first commercial marketing and a court decision - are often called "triggering events" because they trigger the beginning of the 180-day exclusivity.

26. The 180-day exclusivity period will begin to run when any ANDA applicant obtains a court decision of invalidity, unenforceability or non-infringement, even if the first-filer has not yet received approval for its ANDA, or before the first-filer has begun commercial marketing of its ANDA product.

27. Conversely, if there is no court decision on an Orange Book-listed patent and the first-filer does not begin commercial marketing of the generic drug, there may be prolonged delays in the beginning of the first applicant's 180-day exclusivity period. Because the FDA cannot statutorily approve any subsequently-submitted ANDAs for the same drug until this 180-day exclusivity period has expired, subsequent ANDA-filers have a strong economic incentive to generate a triggering event allowing the FDA to approve their ANDAs immediately following

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