

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

PURDUE PHARMA L.P., PURDUE)
PHARMACEUTICALS L.P., and)
GRÜNENTHAL GMBH,)
)
Plaintiffs,)
v.) C.A. No. _____
)
AMNEAL PHARMACEUTICALS, LLC,)
)
Defendant.)

COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs, Purdue Pharma L.P. and Purdue Pharmaceuticals L.P. (collectively, “Purdue”) and Grünenthal GmbH (“Grünenthal”) (collectively, “Plaintiffs”), for their Complaint against Defendant Amneal Pharmaceuticals, LLC (“Amneal”), aver as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35, United States Code, for infringement of United States Patent Nos. 9,763,886 (the “’886 patent”), 9,763,933 (the “Mannion ’933 patent”),¹ and 9,675,610 (the “’610 patent”) (collectively, “the patents-in-suit”). This action relates to Abbreviated New Drug Application (“ANDA”) No. 203235 as amended (“Amneal’s Amended ANDA”) submitted, upon information and belief, in the name of Amneal to the United States Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”). Plaintiffs seek judgment that Amneal has infringed the ’886, Mannion ’933 and ’610 patents. The ’610 and Mannion ’933 patents are listed in the FDA *Approved Drug*

¹ The Mannion ’933 patent is different from U.S. Patent No. 9,073,933, which is one of the patents-in-suit in a related action pending in this Court, C.A. No. 1:15-cv-01152-RGA, and which has been referred to as the “’933 patent.” To avoid confusion, Plaintiffs refer to U.S. Patent No. 9,073,933 as the Kupper ’933 patent.

Products With Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations (“Orange Book”) as covering Purdue’s OxyContin® (oxycodone hydrochloride) (“OxyContin®”), an extended-release pain medication. Amneal has infringed the patents-in-suit under 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2)(A) by filing ANDA No. 203235 as amended, submitted upon information and belief in the name of Amneal to the FDA. Amneal’s Amended ANDA seeks approval to market a generic version of Purdue’s OxyContin®, which is the subject of approved NDA No. 022272, in the 10 mg, 15 mg, 20 mg, 30 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg and 80 mg dosage strengths (“Amneal’s Amended ANDA Products”).

2. On September 17, 2015, Purdue filed a related Complaint against Amneal, C.A. No. 15-831-RGA, for patent infringement of U.S. Patent Nos. 9,060,976 (the “’976 patent”) and 9,034,376 (the “’376 patent”). The previous action was filed in connection with Amneal’s ANDA No. 203235, which contained a “Paragraph IV” certification under 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(2)(A)(vii)(IV) alleging that the ’976 patent, listed in the Orange Book as covering OxyContin®, is “unenforceable, invalid, and/or not infringed, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, by the manufacture, use, sale, offer for sale, and/or importation of the drug product for which ANDA No. 203235 has been submitted by Amneal.”

3. On December 15, 2015, Plaintiffs filed a related Complaint against Amneal, C.A. No. 15-1152-RGA, for patent infringement of U.S. Patent Nos. 7,674,799 (the “’799 patent”); 7,674,800 (the “’800 patent”); 7,683,072 (the “’072 patent”); 8,114,383 (the “’383 patent”); 8,309,060 (the “’060 patent”); 8,337,888 (the “’888 patent”); 8,808,741 (the “’741 patent”); 8,894,987 (the “’987 patent”); 8,894,988 (the “’988 patent”); 9,060,976 (the “’976 patent”); 9,034,376 (the “’376 patent”); and 9,073,933 (the “Kupper ’933 patent”). The previous action was filed in connection with Amneal’s Amended ANDA, which contained a “Paragraph IV” certification under 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(2)(A)(vii)(IV) alleging that, *inter alia*, the

'799, '800, '072, '383, '060, '888, '741, '987, '988, '976, '376 and Kupper '933 patents, listed in the Orange Book as covering OxyContin®, are “unenforceable, invalid, and/or not infringed, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, by the manufacture, use, sale, offer for sale, and/or importation of the drug product for which ANDA No. 203235 has been submitted by Amneal.”

4. On March 1, 2017, Purdue filed a related Complaint against Amneal, C.A. No. 17-210-RGA, for patent infringement of United States Patent Nos. 9,492,392 (the “’392 patent”); 9,492,393 (the “’393 patent”); and 9,522,919 (the “’919 patent”). The previous action was filed in connection with Amneal’s ANDA, which contained a “Paragraph IV” certification under 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(2)(A)(vii)(IV) alleging that the ’392, ’393, and ’919 patents, listed in the Orange Book as covering OxyContin®, are “unenforceable, invalid, and/or not infringed, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, by the manufacture, use, sale, offer for sale, and/or importation of the drug product for which ANDA No. 203235 has been submitted by Amneal.”

THE PARTIES

5. Plaintiff Purdue Pharma L.P. (“Purdue Pharma”) is a limited partnership organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having a place of business at One Stamford Forum, 201 Tresser Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut 06901-3431. Purdue Pharma is an owner of the Mannion ’933 and ’886 patents. Purdue Pharma is also the holder of approved NDA No. 022272 for OxyContin®, indicated for pain severe enough to require daily, around-the-clock, long-term opioid treatment and for which alternative treatment options are inadequate. Purdue Pharma sells OxyContin® in the United States.

6. Plaintiff Purdue Pharmaceuticals L.P. (“Purdue Pharmaceuticals”) is a limited partnership organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having a place of business at 4701 Purdue Drive, Wilson, NC 27893. Purdue Pharmaceuticals is an owner of the Mannion ’933 and ’886 patents.

7. Plaintiff Grünenthal GmbH (“Grünenthal”) is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Germany, having an address at 52078 Aachen, Zieglerstrasse 6, Germany. Grünenthal is the owner of the ’610 patent.

8. On information and belief, Amneal is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having a principal place of business at 400 Crossing Boulevard, 3rd floor, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.

SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION AND VENUE

9. This action arises under the patent laws of the United States, including 35 U.S.C. § 271 and the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202.

10. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

11. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400(b) because Amneal resides in this judicial district.

PERSONAL JURISDICTION

12. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Amneal by virtue of, *inter alia*, the fact that Amneal is a Delaware limited liability company, Amneal’s systematic and continuous contacts with Delaware, and Amneal’s contacts with Delaware in connection with the submission of its ANDA, as set forth below.

13. On information and belief, Amneal is registered to conduct business within the State of Delaware and maintains as a registered agent The Corporation Trust Company, Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

14. On information and belief, Amneal holds current and valid “Distributor/Manufacturer CSR” and “Pharmacy-Wholesale” licenses from the Delaware Board of Pharmacy.

15. On information and belief, Amneal is in the business of preparing generic pharmaceuticals that it distributes in the State of Delaware and throughout the United States.

16. On information and belief, Amneal has admitted to, consented to or has not contested, the jurisdiction of this Court, and/or has availed itself of the rights, benefits, and privileges of this Court by asserting counterclaims in prior District of Delaware actions, *e.g.*, *Purdue Pharma L.P. et al. v. Amneal Pharmaceuticals LLC*, C.A. No. 17-210; *Purdue Pharma L.P. et al. v. Amneal Pharmaceuticals LLC*, C.A. No. 15-1152; *Purdue Pharma L.P. et al. v. Amneal Pharmaceuticals LLC*, C.A. No. 15-831; *Forest Laboratories, LLC v. Amneal Pharmaceuticals LLC*, C.A. No. 15-756; *Hospira, Inc. v. Amneal Pharmaceuticals LLC*, C.A. No. 15-697; *Forest Laboratories, LLC v. Amneal Pharmaceuticals LLC*, C.A. No. 15-430; *Merck Sharpe & Dohme Corp. v. Amneal Pharmaceuticals LLC*, C.A. No. 15-250; and *Forest Laboratories, Inc. v. Amneal Pharmaceuticals LLC*, C.A. No. 14-508.

17. On information and belief, if ANDA No. 203235 as amended is approved, Amneal’s Amended ANDA Products would, among other things, be marketed and distributed in Delaware, and/or prescribed by physicians practicing and dispensed by pharmacies located within Delaware, all of which would have a substantial effect on Delaware.

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