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On August 31, 2004, during a conference call for financial analysts, institutional investors and journalists, representatives of Sanofi-Aventis presented the following slides, which were also made available on the Sanofi-Aventis website.

In connection with the proposed acquisition of Aventis, Sanofi-Aventis (formerly known as Sanofi-Synthélabo) has filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), a registration statement on Form F-4 (File no: 333-112314), which includes a prospectus and a prospectus supplement relating to the revised offer, and related exchange offer materials, to register the Sanofi-Aventis ordinary shares (including Sanofi-Aventis ordinary shares represented by Sanofi-Aventis ADSs) to be issued in exchange for Aventis ordinary shares held by holders located in the United States and for Aventis ADSs held by holders wherever located and has also filed with the SEC a Statement on Schedule TO. **Investors and holders of Aventis securities are strongly advised to read the registration statement and the prospectus and prospectus supplement relating to the revised offer, the Statement on Schedule TO, and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC, as well as any amendments and supplements because they contain important information.** Investors and holders of Aventis securities may obtain free copies of the registration statement, the prospectus, the prospectus supplement relating to the revised offer and related exchange offer materials, and the Statement on Schedule TO, as well as other relevant documents filed with the SEC, at the SEC's web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The prospectus, the prospectus supplement relating to the revised offer and other transaction-related documents have been mailed to Aventis securityholders eligible to participate in the U.S. offer and additional copies may be obtained for free from MacKenzie Partners, Inc., the information agent for the U.S. offer, at the following address: 105, Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10016; telephone 1-(212) 929-5500 (call collect) or 1-(800) 322-2885 (toll-free call); e-mail [proxy@mackenziepartners.com](mailto:proxy@mackenziepartners.com).

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