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REGENERON PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.,
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AMGEN INC.,
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RULE 27(a)(2) STATEMENT

Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. attempted to confer with Amgen Inc., but Amgen did not respond. Regeneron therefore is filing this motion as an opposed motion.

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 2 and Federal Circuit Rule 27, Plaintiff-Appellant Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (“Regeneron”) respectfully moves this Court for an order expediting this appeal, including the briefing schedule and the date of oral argument.

This is an appeal from the denial of Regeneron’s request for a preliminary injunction against Amgen Inc. (“Amgen”). Amgen is the fifth entity to seek FDA approval to market a biosimilar version of Regeneron’s blockbuster ophthalmic product Eylea[®]. The four earlier-filing biosimilar applicants—Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc. (“Mylan”), Samsung Bioepis Co., Ltd. (“SB”), Formycon AG (“Formycon”), and Celltrion Inc. (“Celltrion”)—all were enjoined by the district court based on Regeneron’s U.S. Patent 11,084,865 (the “’865 patent”). In issuing those four injunctions, the district court found the ’865 patent likely infringed and not invalid, and also recognized the immediate, irreparable harm Regeneron would suffer in the event of a biosimilar launch, including through loss of market share and irreversible price erosion.

Regeneron likewise sought a preliminary injunction against Amgen based on the ’865 patent. But the district court inexplicably denied the request. As Regeneron’s concurrently-filed Emergency Motion for Injunction Pending Appeal explains, the district court denied preliminary relief only by

backtracking from its prior claim-construction determination in its earlier injunction decisions and adopting an erroneous claim construction that flouts this Court's precedent and ignores key intrinsic evidence, testimony from both sides' experts, and nearly a century of scientific literature.

The court's errors have paved the way for Amgen to launch immediately, thus bypassing the four earlier biosimilar applicants whose pending appeals to this Court—all of which are proceeding on expedited schedules—are nearing completion. *See* Appeal Nos. 24-1965, 24-1966, 24-2082, 24-2083 (“SB Appeal”); Appeal Nos. 24-2009, 24-2019, 24-2156 (“Formycon Appeal”); Appeal No. 24-2002 (“Mylan Appeal”); Appeal Nos. 24-2058, 24-2147 (“Celltrion Appeal”). Allowing Amgen to launch during the pendency of this and the related appeals will disrupt irreversibly the marketplace status quo, causing Regeneron irreparable harm. Even in denying injunctive relief against Amgen, the district court did not reject its repeated findings that such irreparable harms would befall Regeneron in the event of a biosimilar launch.

Regeneron seeks expedition of this appeal, principally through accelerating substantially the deadlines for its own briefing, as follows: Regeneron would file its opening brief on October 3, less than two weeks after its Notice of Appeal and at least *47 days earlier* than required under the default 60-day deadline. Amgen would file its responsive brief by November 7, giving Amgen a total of 35 days to prepare its brief—only five fewer days

than the default 40-day deadline would allow. Regeneron then would file its reply brief within 12 days, by November 19, thus self-expediting by another 9 days relative to the 21-day default deadline. The parties would file the joint appendix no later than November 22. No extensions of the schedule would be granted. Under this schedule, the Amgen appeal could be set for oral argument during the Court’s January 2025 sitting, or through a separate scheduling mechanism at the Court’s earliest convenience. Regeneron’s proposed schedule is summarized below:

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BACKGROUND¹

I. Regeneron’s Invention of Eylea

Regeneron invented and developed Eylea, the “revolutionary,” leading treatment for the most common causes of blindness, including wet age-related

¹ This Background section is materially identical to that of Regeneron’s concurrently filed Emergency Motion for an Injunction Pending Resolution of Appeal.

macular degeneration (“AMD”). *Regeneron Pharm. v. Mylan Pharm.*, --- F. Supp. 3d ---, 2024 WL 382495, at *13, *60 (N.D. W. Va. Jan. 31, 2024) (“*Mylan*”). Eylea’s active ingredient is a vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) antagonist fusion protein called aflibercept. *Id.* The ’865 patent is directed to ophthalmic formulations of aflibercept, including Eylea, at a concentration of 40 mg/mL. *Id.* at *15. The asserted claims recite “ophthalmic formulation[s]” comprising, inter alia, 40 mg/mL of a VEGF antagonist and “a buffer.” *Id.*

II. Prior Eylea Litigations

Since October 2021, several applicants have sought FDA approval under the BPCIA to market biosimilars of Eylea. *See In re Aflibercept Pat. Litig.*, 2024 WL 1597512, at *1 (J.P.M.L. Apr. 11, 2024). The first was Mylan, against whom Regeneron proceeded to trial in June 2023. 2024 WL 382495, at *2. The district court found that Mylan infringed the ’865 patent, *id.* at *31-33, and that the asserted claims were not invalid, including for lack of written description, *id.* at *41-70. The court issued a permanent injunction against Mylan, finding that Regeneron would be irreparably harmed by launch of Mylan’s biosimilar and that the balance of equities and public interest favored injunctive relief. *See In re Aflibercept Pat. Litig.*, No. 24-md-3103, Dkt. 188 at 25-42, 51-67 (N.D.W. Va. 2024) (“*Mylan Injunction Decision*”).²

² Unless otherwise indicated, all docket citations are to *In re Aflibercept Pat. Litig.*, No. 24-md-3103 (N.D. W. Va.).

SB, Formycon, and Celltrion (the “PI Defendants”) followed Mylan in seeking approval of aflibercept biosimilars, and Regeneron sued each last fall. Regeneron moved to preliminarily enjoin the PI Defendants. Each asserted, *inter alia*, that the ’865 patent is invalid for lack of written description. The district court again sustained the ’865 patent and granted Regeneron’s preliminary injunction motions, again finding that Regeneron would be irreparably harmed by biosimilar launch and that the balance of equities and public interest favored injunctive relief. Dkt. 194 at 54-177 (“SB PI Decision”); Dkt. 247 at 69-199 (“Formycon PI Decision”); Dkt. 248 at 61-178 (“Celltrion PI Decision”).

As relevant here, Formycon asserted noninfringement based on a narrowed construction of “buffer.” In view of the specification’s disclosure and the common understanding that proteins are buffers, the court rejected Formycon’s construction, construing “buffer” “according to its ordinary meaning to the POSA: ‘a substance that resists changes to pH upon addition of an acid or base within an optimal pH range through a proton-donating component and/or a proton-accepting component, including, for example, histidine, phosphate, and proteins like aflibercept.’” Formycon PI Decision at 46-55. The court found that Formycon infringed the buffer limitation under this construction, *id.* at 55-63, which Formycon has not appealed.

III. Amgen Litigation

The fifth applicant to seek approval for an aflibercept biosimilar was Amgen, which Regeneron sued in the Central District of California in January 2024. Regeneron then successfully moved under 28 U.S.C. § 1407 to centralize the five actions in the Northern District of West Virginia. *See In re Aflibercept*, 2024 WL 1597512, at *1.

Regeneron sought a preliminary injunction against Amgen, advancing the same construction of “buffer” as including proteins like aflibercept that the district court adopted (over Formycon’s objection) in *Formycon*. Add26, Add78. On September 23, the court denied Regeneron’s motion, determining that Regeneron had failed to show a likelihood of success in proving infringement (largely adopting Amgen’s proposed order), because aflibercept did not meet the “buffer” limitation of the claims. Add27-31, Add33-89. Specifically, the district court determined that the 40 mg/mL aflibercept in Amgen’s biosimilar could not meet both the “VEGF antagonist” and “buffer” limitations, and Regeneron thus was not likely to succeed on infringement. *Id.* The court did not otherwise construe “buffer,” apart from concluding, in direct conflict with its *Formycon* ruling, that it could not be a VEGF antagonist like aflibercept. Add78-79.

Regeneron noticed its appeal the same day the court’s decision issued, Dkt. 344, and filed this motion immediately thereafter.

ARGUMENT

A motion to expedite proceedings “is appropriate where the normal briefing and disposition schedule may adversely affect one of the parties, as in appeals involving preliminary or permanent injunctions.” *See* Practice Note to Fed. Cir. R. 27. This Court is empowered by Rule 2 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure to impose an expedited appeal schedule when warranted. *See, e.g., AstraZeneca LP v. Breath Ltd.*, No. 13-1312, Dkt. 71 (Fed. Cir. June 5, 2013) (ordering July 1st deadline for cross-appellants’ opening brief and appellees’ briefs, July 12th deadline for appellants’ response/reply brief, and July 19th deadline for cross-appellants’ reply brief); *Eli Lilly & Co. v. Actavis Elizabeth LLC*, 2010 WL 3374123, at *1 (Fed. Cir. Aug. 26, 2010) (setting expedited deadlines of 14 days, 14 days, and 7 days for opening, responsive, and reply briefs, respectively); *Jazz Pharms., Inc. v. Avadel CNS Pharms., LLC*, No. 23-1186, Dkt. 11 (Fed. Cir. Dec. 1, 2022) (setting December 16th, January 13th, and January 20th deadlines for opening, responsive, and reply briefs, respectively); *Teva Branded Pharm. Prods. R&D, Inc. v. Amneal Pharms. of N.Y., LLC*, No. 24-1936, Dkt. 29 (Fed. Cir. July 1, 2024) (setting July 30th, August 30th, and September 11th deadlines for opening, responsive, and reply briefs, respectively); *Duramed Pharms., Inc. v. Watson Labs., Inc.*, 426 F. App’x 905 (Fed. Cir. 2011) (ordering opening brief in 7 days, responsive brief 14 days after opening, and reply brief 7 days after responsive);

Hoffmann-La Roche Inc. v. Apotex Inc., 2012 U.S. App. LEXIS 5804, *3 (Fed. Cir. Mar. 16, 2012) (ordering opening brief in 14 days, responsive brief 14 days after opening, and reply brief 7 days after responsive). As detailed herein, good cause exists to enter the expedited schedule sought by Regeneron by this motion.

I. Expedition Is Warranted Given the Potential Irreparable Harms to Regeneron

On four prior occasions, the district court has upheld the validity of the '865 patent and enjoined biosimilar market entry, determining that such entry would infringe the '865 patent and irreparably harm Regeneron. As Regeneron details in its concurrently filed Emergency Motion for an Injunction Pending Resolution of Appeal, the district court manifestly erred in failing to enjoin Amgen as well.

The district court's erroneous refusal to enjoin Amgen has paved the way for Amgen's imminent launch. Amgen's premature market entry will irreversibly alter the status quo that the district court had, until recently, maintained by enjoining Mylan and the three PI Defendants, finding that their market entry would irreparably harm Regeneron and that the balance of hardships and public interest favored granting injunctive relief. In each of its prior injunction decisions, the court held that biosimilar entry would cause Regeneron to experience harms including (1) loss of sales and market share,

(2) price erosion, (3) disruption of patentee-payor relationships, (4) reputational harm, and (5) increased marketing and training costs. *See Mylan Injunction Decision* at 15-51; *SB PI Decision* at 117-67; *Formycon PI Decision* at 135-88; *Celltrion PI Decision* at 124-69. This Court has recognized each as an irreparable harm, including in the pharmaceutical context. *See Bio-Rad Labs., Inc. v. 10X Genomics Inc.*, 967 F.3d 1353, 1378 (Fed. Cir. 2020) (“increase[d] . . . marketing costs”); *Mylan Institutional LLC v. Aurobindo Pharma Ltd.*, 857 F.3d 858, 872 (Fed. Cir. 2017) (“lost sales, lost research and development, price erosion, and having to directly compete with an infringer”); *Douglas Dynamics, LLC v. Buyers Prods. Co.*, 717 F.3d 1336, 1344-45 (Fed. Cir. 2013) (“lost sales and erosion in reputation”); *Celsis In Vitro, Inc. v. CellzDirect, Inc.*, 664 F.3d 922, 930-31 (Fed. Cir. 2012) (“Price erosion, loss of goodwill, damage to reputation, and loss of business opportunities are all valid grounds for finding irreparable harm.”); *Sanofi-Synthelabo v. Apotex, Inc.*, 470 F.3d 1368, 1382-83 (Fed. Cir. 2006) (“price erosion” and issues with “third-party payors”).

In declining to enjoin Amgen, the district court did not dispute or reverse its prior, consistent holdings that Regeneron would incur these irreparable harms upon Amgen’s launch. Expedition of this appeal is necessary to rectify the court’s errors and prevent Amgen from irreparably harming Regeneron.

II. Expedition Would Maximize Efficiency for the Court by Aligning This Appeal with the Pending Related Appeals

Expedited review also would aid in aligning the Court’s resolution of this appeal with that of the pending related appeals involving Mylan and the three PI Defendants—all of which involve injunctive relief based on Regeneron’s ’865 patent. *See* SB Appeal; Formycon Appeal; Mylan Appeal; Celltrion Appeal. As the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation recognized in consolidating the Amgen case with the other pending cases, “[t]he ’865 patent, . . . which already has been found valid and infringed by Mylan, is asserted against *all* defendants and, according to Regeneron, will be central in every case.” *In re Aflibercept*, 2024 WL 1597512, at *2-3. This Court already has designated the Mylan and Celltrion appeals and, separately, the SB and Formycon appeals, as companions.³ *See* No. 24-1965, Dkt. 38. Like those related appeals, this Amgen appeal involves only the ’865 patent, addressing the construction and infringement of that patent. Briefing in the Celltrion appeal will conclude by mid-November, so expediting this appeal on Regeneron’s proposed schedule could enable the same panel to hear oral argument in this appeal and Celltrion’s appeal. Accordingly, expedited briefing and oral argument would facilitate this Court’s maintenance of the status quo while efficiently resolving these related appeals.

³ Regeneron has moved for the Court to reconsider its previous companion-designation order and to designate the Mylan appeal a companion to the SB and Formycon appeals, rather than the Celltrion appeal. No. 24-2002, Dkt. 19.

III. Expedition Would Be Achieved Principally by Regeneron's Self-Expediting, Without Prejudice to Amgen

The briefing schedule Regeneron proposes, moreover, would not prejudice Amgen. Regeneron resorts principally to self-expedition, filing its opening brief on October 3, approximately 47 days before the default deadline. Regeneron proposes that Amgen's usual 40-day response be reduced by only five days, to reflect the urgency of the circumstances but not prejudice Amgen's ability to respond with respect to the single claim-construction issue relevant to this appeal. Regeneron then proposes to serve its reply in just 12 days (including two weekends), shortened from the usual 21. The parties will file the joint appendix by November 22. The appeal thus may be scheduled for the January 2025 oral argument calendar or earlier. Regeneron further requests that no extensions of the schedule be granted.

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Pursuant to Federal Circuit Rule 27(c), Regeneron respectfully submits that an expedited briefing schedule for this motion is appropriate given the urgent circumstances detailed herein. Regeneron proposes the following deadlines for Amgen's opposition brief and Regeneron's reply brief:

Brief	Deadline
Regeneron's Motion	Filed on Monday, September 23, 2024

Amgen’s Opposition	12:00 noon EDT on Thursday, September 26, 2024
Regeneron’s Reply	Friday, September 27, 2024

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Regeneron respectfully requests that this Court order the following expedited schedule for this appeal:

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