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POST-DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNTING

The Court's July 8, 2024 Order Releasing Remainder of Attorneys' Fees as Amended (ECF No. 162) ("July 8, 2024 Order") ordered that "[a] further post-distribution accounting shall be filed once all settlement checks become stale." The checks mailed to Authorized Claimants in connection with the distribution of settlement funds became stale on October 6, 2024. Accordingly, Lead Plaintiff Arbejdsmarkedets Tillægspension and Lead Counsel respectfully submit this Supplemental Post-Distribution Accounting.¹

BACKGROUND

On June 7, 2024, the Court-appointed Claims Administrator, A.B. Data, Ltd. ("A.B. Data"), conducted the Initial Distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants as authorized by the Court's May 3, 2024 Order Approving Distribution Plan as Amended (ECF No. 159) (the "Distribution Order"). In the Initial Distribution, A.B. Data disseminated a total of \$30,222,372.86 on June 7, 2024 by wire transfer or by checks mailed by first-class mail to the 22,880 Claimants who were eligible for payment, while maintaining an additional Reserve of approximately \$1.3 million for any tax liability or claims administration-related contingencies that may arise.

On October 6, 2024, the checks mailed in the Initial Distribution became stale, following the expiration of the 120-day period provided for recipients to cash those checks. *See* Declaration of Adam D. Walter in Support of Lead Plaintiff's Supplemental Post-Distribution Accounting ("Walter Declaration" or "Walter Decl."), filed herewith, at ¶¶ 3-4. A.B. Data has made substantial efforts to contact any Authorized Claimants who did not cash their checks through a combination of emails and telephone calls. *See id.* ¶ 4. As a result of these efforts the value of uncashed or returned checks has declined from \$4,168,237.32 as of June 28, 2024 (*see* ECF No. 160, at 2) to \$138,463.96 as of October 8, 2024, *see* Walter Decl. ¶ 4, a decline of 97%. The current value of uncashed checks is less than 0.5% of the total amount distributed in the Initial Distribution. *Id.* ¶ 4.

¹ All terms with initial capitalization not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated as of April 24, 2023 (ECF No. 139-1) ("Stipulation").

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SUPPLEMENTAL POST-DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNTING

The table set forth on page four of this document provides updated details of the Initial Distribution, including all details required under the Northern District of California's Procedural Guidance for Class Action Settlements. This Supplemental Post-Distribution supersedes the Post-Distribution Accounting filed on June 28, 2024 (ECF No. 160).

As noted above, the most significant difference since the version filed in June 2024 is that the value of uncashed checks has declined from over \$4 million to under \$139,000, which represents less than 0.5% of the total funds distributed. This percentage of uncashed payments is lower than typically seen in comparable securities class actions. See, e.g., Lead Plaintiff's Post-Distribution Accounting at 2, In re Oracle Corp. Sec. Litig., Case No. 5:18-cv-04844-BLF (N.D. Cal. Aug. 22, 2024), ECF No. 155 (3.9% of value of checks remained uncashed); Declaration of Paul Mulholland at ¶¶ 2-3, Smith v. NetApp, Inc., Case No: 4:19-cv-04801-JST (N.D. Cal. July 17, 2023), ECF No. 95-1 (1.1% of value of checks remained uncashed); Post-Distribution Declaration at ¶ 4, Carbone v. Amyris, Inc., Case No. 4:19-cv-01765-YGR (N.D. Cal. July 14, 2023), ECF No. 133-1 (3.2% of value of checks remained uncashed); Notice of Lead Plaintiff's Post-Distribution Accounting at 2-3, SEB Inv. Mgmt. v. Align Tech. Inc., Case No. 3:18-cv-06720-VC (N.D. Cal. July 14, 2023), ECF No. 225 (1.6% of value of checks remained uncashed).

A Second Distribution, which will include the approximately \$1.3 million maintained in the Reserve (plus accrued interest) as well as any amounts available as a result of uncashed checks or returned payments, will be conducted in this case. See Walter Decl. ¶ 5. The Second Distribution has not yet occurred. The timing of the Second Distribution is established in the Court-approved Plan of Allocation and in the Court's Distribution Order to be at least seven months after the *Initial Distribution*. See Distribution Order (ECF No. 159) at ¶ 3(f) ("After A.B. Data has made reasonable and diligent efforts to have Authorized Claimants cash their Initial Distribution checks ..., but not earlier than seven (7) months after the Initial Distribution, A.B. Data will, after consulting with Lead Counsel, conduct the Second Distribution . . . "); see also Notice ¶ 91 (ECF No. 149-4, at 21) ("To the extent any monies remain in the Net Settlement Fund after the initial distribution, if Lead Counsel, in consultation with the Claims Administrator, determines that it is LEAD PLAINTIFF'S SUPPLEMENTAL

cost-effective to do so, the Claims Administrator, no less than seven (7) months after the initial distribution, will conduct another distribution of the funds remaining . . .").

Because the Initial Distribution was conducted on June 7, 2024, A.B. Data expects to conduct the Second Distribution on January 7, 2025 or as soon thereafter as possible. *See* Walter Decl. ¶ 6. If any funds remain in the Net Settlement Fund after the Second Distribution, and a further distribution would be cost-effective, subsequent distributions will take place at six-month intervals thereafter. *See* Distribution Order ¶ 3(e). To date, no *cy pres* distribution of residual funds has occurred. *See* Walter Decl. ¶ 9. A distribution to the *cy pres* recipient would only be made if further distribution to eligible Settlement Class Members would not be cost efficient.

As noted previously (*see* ECF No. 160, at 1), Lead Counsel confirms that there have been no significant or recurring concerns communicated by class members to A.B. Data or Lead Counsel following final approval of the Settlement and that there have been no modifications to the Settlement Agreement or the Final Approval Order.

As provided in the Court's July 8, 2024 Order, five percent (5%) of the total attorney's fees that were awarded by the Court have been withheld and remain in the Escrow Account under the jurisdiction of the Court. As requested in the July 8, 2024 Order, Lead Counsel has submitted a proposed order releasing the remainder of the withheld attorney' fees to whopo@cand.uscourts.gov.

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| In re BioMarin Pharmaceutical Inc. Securities Litigation, 3:20-cv-06719-WHO (N.D. Cal.) Figures are current as of Oct. 9, 2024. | | | |
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| | Settlement Fund Value | | |
| Total Settlement Fund Value ¹ : \$40,602,363.58 | 100% | | |
| Method of Notice: The Court-approved notice included direct first mailing as well as publication in <i>The Wall Street Journal</i> , via <i>P Newswire</i> , and on case-dedicated website. | | | |
| Notices ² mailed: 103,534 | | | |
| Notices sent and not returned as undeliverable: 103,285 (99.8%) | | | |
| Claim Forms received: 65,033 (62.8% of notices mailed) | | | |
| Number of Opt-Outs: 2 (0.002% of notices mailed) | | | |
| Number of Objections: 0 (0%) | | | |
| Payments to Settlement Class Members ³ : \$31,521,589.85 | 77.6% | | |
| Method of Payment: By check mailed first-class or wire transfe | er. | | |
| Average payment per eligible Claimant: \$1,320.90 | | | |
| Median payment per eligible Claimant: \$30.38 | | | |
| Largest payment: \$1,066,467.77 | | | |
| Smallest payment: \$10.00 | | | |
| Uncashed checks ⁴ : Number 756; Value \$138,463.96 | | | |
| Attorneys' fees awarded ⁵ : \$7,592,937 | 18.7% | | |
| Lead Counsel's Lodestar: \$6,702,525 | | | |
| Lodestar Multiplier: 1.1 | | | |
| Attorney Litigation Expenses: \$397,052.78 | 1% | | |
| PSLRA Award to Lead Plaintiff: \$127,400 0.39 | | | |
| Taxes & Tax Preparation Costs: \$575,188 1.49 | | | |
| Notice and Administration Costs: \$407,383.11 | | | |
| Cy Pres ^{6:} \$0 | 0% | | |
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Further details concerning the distribution are set forth in the accompanying Walter Declaration. Explanatory notes to the Post-Distribution Accounting table, as indicated by the superscript numbers in the above chart, are set forth below:

1. As of October 9, 2024, the Settlement Fund has earned a total of \$1,602,363.58 in interest since its inception, which has increased the total value of the Settlement Fund from the Settlement Amount of \$39,000,000 to \$40,602,363.58.

- 2. In a securities class action such as this one, the "total number of Settlement Class Members" is not precisely known because the securities are widely traded and there is no definitive list of Settlement Class Members available to the parties covering all times during the Class Period. Accordingly, notices are mailed to all potential Settlement Class Members who can be identified through reasonable efforts, including through requests to brokers and nominees to identify all potential Settlement Class Members. Because the Court-approved process for disseminating the notice by mail is designed to reach the maximum number of potential Settlement Class Members, it typically results in an overbroad dissemination of Notice, including the direct mailing of Notices to a substantial number of persons who are not Settlement Class Members, such as nominees who are not beneficial owners; persons who only held, but did not purchase, the relevant securities during the Class Period; or persons who purchased the securities during the Class Period but sold before any alleged corrective disclosure.
- 3. This value includes the amount distributed to Authorized Claimants in the Initial Distribution on June 7, 2024, \$30,222,372.86, as well as the value of the Reserve established pursuant to the Distribution Order, which is currently \$1,299,216.99, and continues to accrue interest.
- 4. The number and value of uncashed checks has declined substantially since Lead Plaintiff's June 28, 2024 Post-Distribution Accounting (ECF No. 160). Settlement Class Members had until October 5, 2024 to cash their checks. A.B. Data has made extensive efforts to contact Authorized Claimants to encourage them to cash their checks, including by email and phone calls. As a result of its efforts, the value of the uncashed checks substantially decreased from \$4,168,237.32 on June 28, 2024, to \$138,463.96 as of October 8, 2024. AB Data continues to contact claimants to cash any uncashed checks and assist with any check reissue requests.
- 5. This value includes both the attorneys' fees already paid to Lead Counsel and the 5% of the total awarded fees that remain in the Escrow Account, including accrued interest.
- 6. As set forth in the Court-approved Plan of Allocation, residual funds will be distributed to the *cy pres* recipient only if any funds remain after all cost-effective rounds of distributions to Authorized Claimants have been completed.

This Supplemental Post-Distribution Accounting will be posted to the Settlement website, www.BiomarinSecuritiesLitigation.com, immediately after its filing with the Court.

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WALTER DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF LEAD PLAINTIFF'S SUPPLEMENTAL POST-DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNTING

ADAM D. WALTER, declares as follows:

- 1. I am a Client Services Director of A.B. Data, Ltd.'s Class Action Administration Company ("A.B. Data"), which has its corporate office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I am over 21 years of age and am not a party to the above-captioned action ("Action"). I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration and, if called as a witness, could and would testify competently thereto.
- 2. On June 7, 2024, A.B. Data conducted the Initial Distribution of the Net Settlement Fund in this Action, as approved by the Court's May 3, 2024 Order Approving Distribution Plan (ECF No. 159) (the "Distribution Order"). The Initial Distribution was conducted in the manner set forth in the Court-approved Distribution Order and the Declaration of Adam D. Walter in Support of Lead Plaintiff's Motion for Approval of Distribution Plan (ECF No. 158) (the "Walter Distribution Declaration"). In the Initial Distribution, \$30,222,372.86 was sent by check or wire transfer to 22,880 Authorized Claimants whose Claims were approved for payment in the Distribution Order. A.B. Data encountered no problems or unexpected issues in conducting the distribution. Further, there were no significant nor recurring issues communicated by class members to A.B. Data following final approval of the Settlement.
- 3. As provided in the Distribution Order, the checks mailed to eligible Claimants indicated that they must be cashed with 120 days of issue. *See* Distribution Order ¶ 3(d). Accordingly, the checks mailed on June 7, 2024 contained a "stale date" of October 5, 2024.
- 4. As of October 8, 2024, checks with a total value of \$138,463.96 remain uncashed, which represents less than 0.5% of the total amount distributed in the Initial Distribution. As noted above, Authorized Claimants had until October 5, 2024 to cash their checks. A.B. Data has made and will continue to make extensive efforts to contact Authorized Claimants who have not cashed

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their Initial Distribution checks to encourage them cash their checks, including by email and phone calls.

- 5. A Second Distribution will be conducted in this Action, in which A.B. Data will redistribute any funds remaining in the Net Settlement Fund, including from the Reserve established pursuant to the Distribution Order (which has a current value of approximately \$1.3 million) or as a result of any remaining uncashed checks. The Second Distribution has not yet occurred because the Court-approved Plan of Allocation and Distribution Order state that the Second Distribution should be conducted "not earlier than seven months after the initial distribution." Distribution Order ¶ 3(f); Notice ¶ 91 (ECF No. 149-4, at 21).
- 6. Accordingly, A.B. Data intends to conduct the Second Distribution on January 7, 2025, seven months after the Initial Distribution, or as soon thereafter as possible. A.B. Data will honor all requests to reissue checks from Authorized Claimants for as long as feasible in accordance with the Court's Distribution Order prior to conducting the Second Distribution. If any funds remain in the Net Settlement Fund after the Second Distribution, and a further distribution would be cost-effective, A.B. Data, after consulting with Lead Counsel, will conduct subsequent distributions at six-month intervals thereafter. *See* Distribution Order ¶ 3(e).
- 7. I have reviewed the Supplemental Post-Distribution Accounting prepared by Lead Plaintiff and can confirm that the information provided therein relating to mailing of notices, processing of Claims, the distribution of settlement funds, and notice and administrative costs incurred by A.B. Data is accurate based on A.B. Data's current records.
- 8. The average and median payment per eligible Claimant and the largest and smallest payments reported in the Post-Distribution Accounting are based on Claimants' recoveries in the initial distribution. Authorized Claimants may receive additional funds in any subsequent distributions. In calculating the average and median payment to eligible claimants, claims that were not eligible for a payment because they fell below the \$10 minimum threshold, as provided in the Court-approved Plan of Allocation and Distribution Order, were excluded from the analysis.
- 9. To date, no funds have been paid to any *cy pres* recipient. As set forth in the Courtapproved Plan of Allocation and the Walter Distribution Declaration, residual funds will be

distributed on *cy pres* only if funds remain after all cost-effective rounds of further distributions to Authorized Claimants have been completed. Those subsequent rounds have not yet occurred, but A.B. Data expects that any eventual payment to the *cy pres* recipient will be minimal.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed on October 9, 2024

ADAM D. WALTER