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ON FEBRUARY 5, 2004, THE FOLLOWING ADVERTISEMENTS WAS PUBLISHED ON  
BEHALF OF SANOFI-SYNTHELABO IN THE FINANCIAL TIMES EUROPEAN EDITION.

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WE REFUSE TO ACCEPT THAT NOT EVERYONE  
CAN BENEFIT FROM OUR DISCOVERIES.

[Close-up image of a smiling mongolian woman]

If you had a new medicine that could help eradicate a disease, would you accept to postpone its distribution? No. Because health matters, the coming together of Sanofi-Synthelabo and Aventis will enable us to meet patients' needs more effectively by making new treatments accessible through an extensive global network. Our project will harness our complementary skills to create a leading pharmaceutical group (No.1 in Europe and No.3 worldwide) committed to improving healthcare and capable of driving strong, sustainable and profitable growth.

SANOFI-SYNTHELABO'S OFFER TO AVENTIS'S SHAREHOLDERS  
BECAUSE HEALTH MATTERS

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WE REFUSE TO ACCEPT THAT SCIENTISTS  
DO NOT WORK TOGETHER  
TO SPEED UP THEIR RESEARCH.

[Close-up image of old man leaning on walking stick]

In an essential field such as healthcare, we must do everything possible to move faster. The coming together of Sanofi-Synthelabo and Aventis means thousands of scientists throughout the world working towards a common goal and combatting diseases more effectively. Our project will harness our complementary skills to create a leading pharmaceutical group (No.1 in Europe and No.3 worldwide) committed to improving healthcare and capable of driving strong,

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