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On September 22, 2004, Sanofi-Aventis issued the following two press releases.

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Paris, September 22, 2004

NEW APPOINTMENTS IN THE SANOFI-AVENTIS GROUP

Further to the appointments of a hundred managers in Pharmaceutical Operations at the beginning of the month, THE SANOFI-AVENTIS GROUP today announced the appointment of the managers in the following departments:

- Scientific and Medical Affairs, headed by Gerard LE FUR
- Finance, headed by Jean-Claude LEROY
- Industrial Affairs, headed by Gilles LHERNOULD
- Communications, headed by Nicole CRANOIS
- Legal, headed by Dirk OLDENBURG
- Audit and Internal Control Assessment, headed by Marie-Helene LAIMAY

The announcement of these appointments shows the rapid continuation of the integration process within the new sanofi-aventis Group.

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Paris, September 22, 2004

### APPOINTMENTS AT THE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF THE SANOFI-AVENTIS GROUP

THE SANOFI-AVENTIS GROUP announced today the appointments within the Communications department of the Group, which is headed by Nicole CRANOIS, Senior Vice President, Communications.

- Jocelyne COUPAT,	Vice President, International Relations
- Agnes GARCIA-GIBOT,	Vice President, Internal Communications and Corporate Image
- Michel JOLY,	Vice President, Product PR
- William BRATTON,	Deputy Vice President, Product PR
- Jean-Marc PODVIN,	Vice President, Media Relations
- Robert SEBBAG,	Vice President, Solidarity mission on access to medicine

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Are also members of the Communications Management Committee:

- Xavier LEGRAND DU LAURENS, Vice President, Communications France
- Miriam HENN, Vice President, Communications Germany
- Charles F. ROUSE, Vice President, Communications USA.

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