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## LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required to Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name <b>Alpine Group, Inc.</b>			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported <b>666 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Washington DC 20003</b>			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____			
4. Contact Name <b>Monica Skopec</b>	Telephone <b>202-548-2312</b>	E-mail (optional) <b>mskopec@alpinegroup.com</b>	5. Senate ID # <b>1171-140</b>
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self <b>Norvartis Corporation</b>	6. House ID # <b>3F749019</b>		

**TYPE OF REPORT** 8. Year 2000 Midyear (January 1-June 30)  OR Year End (July 1-December 31)

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report

10. Check if this is a Termination Report  >> Termination Date \_\_\_\_\_ 11. No Lobbying Activity

### INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13

12. Lobbying Firms	13. Organizations
<b>INCOME</b> relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:	<b>EXPENSES</b> relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:
Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/>	Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/>
\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> >> \$ <u>\$40,000.00</u> Income (nearest \$20,000)	\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> >> \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$20,000)
Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000 of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).	<b>14. REPORTING METHOD.</b> Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method A.</b> Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method B.</b> Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method C.</b> Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date 07/21/2000

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Registrant Name: Alpine Group, Inc.

Client Name: Novartis Corporation

**LOBBYING ACTIVITY.** Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code AGR (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues  
**Monitor House and Senate Agriculture Committee action.**

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None  
**House of Representatives**  
**Senate**

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
<b>White, Sam</b>		<b>No</b>

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above  Check if None  
**Novartis AG Novartis AG interest in agricultural issues affecting the use and sale of crop protection products in U.S.**

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15. General issue area code ENV (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues  
**Monitor implementation of Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996, rules governing use of crop protection products.**

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None  
**House of Representatives**  
**Senate**

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
<b>White, Sam</b>		<b>No</b>

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above  Check if None  
**Novartis AG Novartis AG interest in implementation of safe drinking water laws and their affect on the use and sale of crop protection products in U.S.**

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15. General issue area code FOO (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues  
**Monitor implementation of Food Safety Laws, rules governing the approval and use of crop protection chemicals.**

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None  
**Environmental Protection Agency**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Senate**

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
<b>White, Sam</b>		<b>No</b>

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above  Check if None  
**Novartis AG Novartis AG interest in food safety issues affecting the approval, use and sale of crop protection products in U.S.**

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