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LOBBYING REGISTRATION

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 4)

Check if this is an Amended Registration 1. Effective Date of Registration April 2, 2001
 2. House Identification Number _____ Senate Identification Number _____

REGISTRANT

3. Registrant name Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P.
 Address 1333 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Suite 400
 City Washington State DC Zip 20036
 4. Principal place of business (if different from line 3)
 City _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____
 5. Telephone number and contact name
 (202) 887-4000 Contact S. Bruce Wilson E-mail (optional) _____
 6. General description of registrant's business or activities
A law firm

CLIENT

A lobbying firm is required to file a separate registration for each client. Organizations employing in-house lobbyists should check the box labeled "Self" and proceed to line 10. Self

7. Client name Merck Sharp & Dohme GmbH (wholly owned subsidiary of Merck & Co., Inc.)
 Address Donau-City Str. 6
 City 1220 Vienna, Austria State _____ Zip _____
 8. Principal place of business (if different from line 7)
 City _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____
 9. General description of client's business or activities
Research-based pharmaceuticals

LOBBYISTS

10. Name of each individual who has acted or is expected to act as a lobbyist for the client identified on line 7. If any person listed in this section has served as a "covered executive branch official" or "covered legislative branch official" within two years of first acting as a lobbyist for the client, state the executive and/or legislative position(s) in which the person served.

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Elizabeth A. Hyman	
S. Bruce Wilson	

LOBBYING ISSUES

11. General lobbying issue areas. Select applicable codes, listed in instructions and on reverse side of Form LD-1, page 1.

IP TRD

12. Specific lobbying issues (current and anticipated)

Intellectual property protection in countries acceding to European Union

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

13. Is there an entity other than the client that contributes more than \$10,000 to the lobbying activities of the registrant in a semiannual period and in whole or in major part plans, supervises or controls the registrant's lobbying activities?

No ⇒ Go to line 14.

Yes ⇒ Complete the rest of this section for each entity Matching the criteria above, then proceed to line 14.

Name	Address	Principal place of business (city and state or country)

FOREIGN ENTITIES

14. Is there any foreign entity that:

- a) holds at least 20% equitable ownership in the client or in any organization identified on line 13; or
- b) directly or indirectly, in whole or in major part, plans, supervises, controls, directs, finances or subsidizes the activities of the client or any organization identified on line 13; or
- c) is an affiliate of the client or any organization identified on line 13 and has a direct interest in the outcome of the lobbying activity?

No ⇒ Sign and date the registration.

Yes ⇒ Complete the rest of this section for each entry Matching the criteria above, then sign and date the Registration.

Name	Address	Principal place of business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution for lobbying activities	Ownership percentage in client
Merck Sharp & Dohme GmbH.	Donau-City Str. 6 1220 Vienna, Austria	Austria	\$30,000	100%

Signature S. Bruce Wilson Date April 13, 2001

Printed Name and Title S. Bruce Wilson, Partner