

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

In re: Vioxx

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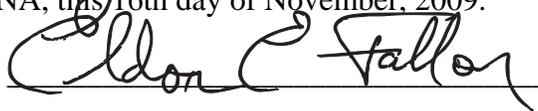
PRE-TRIAL ORDER NO. 55

(Effect of Name Change by Merck)

Effective November 4, 2009, the entity formerly known as Merck & Co., Inc. ("Former Merck") is now named Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. See Notice of Name Change (R.Doc. 27154). To avoid any confusion as to the effectiveness or applicability of stipulations of dismissal, orders, and any and all other pleadings or documents that may arise as a result of this name change,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that any and stipulations of dismissal, orders, other pleadings or documents filed in or related to this proceeding or to the Vioxx Resolution Program, and that refer to the entity previously known as Merck & Co., Inc., *i.e.*, Former Merck, and that were executed or prepared prior to the date of this Order, are hereby reformed to correctly reflect the new name of defendant, Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. and are valid and enforceable as if the new name of defendant were set forth therein.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, this 16th day of November, 2009.



ELDON E. FALLON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE