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Subject: Request from Aventis to join SEND Initiative-Pilot Project

Reference: Federal Register {Docket No. 02N-0532}-Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, Nonclinical Datasets; Notice of Pilot Project.

Dear Sir or Madam:

We learned from Seema Handu (CEO PharmQuest) that Aventis may be a member on the SEND-Pilot Project. I would appreciate your serious consideration of Aventis joining as a member on the SEND Pilot Project. As you are well aware, Aventis has already participated as a member of the SEND consortium, and we will be pleased to undertake the expanded responsibilities for contributing to the SEND Pilot Project initiative.

We are looking forward to be working with you and other members from the pharma industry on this initiative. Mr. Surya Kasat, Head, DSE Operations (US) would be representing Aventis on the SEND-Pilot Project. Please feel free to call Surya directly with any questions. His telephone number and e-mail address are listed below.

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Thank you for your consideration, and we hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

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