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Re: Docket No. 00D-1392

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Star Scientific, Inc. ("Star"), I respectfully request that the deadline for written comments on the draft guidance for industry entitled "Botanical Drug Products" be extended for at least thirty days. The current deadline is October 10, 2000.

Star is very interested in submitting written comments on this important matter. However, because of other pressing corporate commitments, we simply are not in a position to submit comments by the October 10th deadline. Given these extenuating circumstances, I hope that you will be in a position to grant the relief requested. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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