

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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OTSUKA PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
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v.	)	
	)	Civil Action No.:
ACTAVIS ELIZABETH LLC, ACTAVIS,	)	
INC. and ACTAVIS PLC,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
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**COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

Plaintiff Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (“Otsuka”), by way of Complaint against Defendants Actavis Elizabeth LLC (“Actavis Elizabeth”), Actavis, Inc. and Actavis plc (collectively “Actavis”), alleges as follows:

**THE PARTIES**

1. Otsuka is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Japan with its corporate headquarters at 2-9 Kanda Tsukasa-machi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, 101-8535, Japan. Otsuka is engaged in the research, development, manufacture and sale of pharmaceutical products.

2. Upon information and belief, Actavis Elizabeth is a single member limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having a place of business at 200 Elmora Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202. Upon information and belief, Actavis Elizabeth is a wholly owned subsidiary of Actavis, Inc.

3. Upon information and belief, Actavis, Inc. (f/k/a Watson Pharmaceuticals, Inc.) is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nevada, having its headquarters and principal place of business at Morris Corporate Center III, 400 Interpace Parkway, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054. Upon information and belief, Actavis, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Actavis plc.

4. Upon information and belief, Actavis plc is a publicly-traded company organized and existing under the laws of Ireland, having its corporate headquarters at 1 Grand Canal Square, Docklands Dublin 2, Ireland, and U.S. administrative headquarters at Morris Corporate Center III, 400 Interpace Parkway, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054. Upon information and belief, Actavis plc is the global parent of, *inter alia*, Actavis Elizabeth LLC and Actavis, Inc.

#### **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

5. This is an action for infringement of U.S. Patent No. 8,580,796 (“the ’796 patent”), U.S. Patent No. 8,642,760 (“the ’760 patent”) and U.S. Patent No. 8,759,350 (“the ’350 patent”), arising under the United States patent laws, Title 35, United States Code, § 100 *et seq.*, including 35 U.S.C. §§ 271 and 281. This action relates to Actavis Elizabeth’s filing of an Abbreviated New Drug Application (“ANDA”) under Section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (“the Act”), 21 U.S.C. § 355(j), seeking U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) approval to manufacture, use, sell and offer to sell generic pharmaceutical products (“Actavis Elizabeth’s generic products”) prior to the expiration of the asserted patents.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

6. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

7. This Court has jurisdiction over Actavis Elizabeth. Upon information and belief, Actavis Elizabeth is in the business of manufacturing, marketing, importing and selling

pharmaceutical drug products, including generic drug products. Upon information and belief, Actavis Elizabeth, directly or indirectly, manufactures, imports, markets and sells generic drugs throughout the United States and in this judicial district. Upon information and belief, Actavis Elizabeth purposefully has conducted and continues to conduct business, directly or indirectly, in this judicial district, and this judicial district is a likely destination of Actavis Elizabeth's generic products. Upon information and belief, Actavis Elizabeth is registered to do business in New Jersey under Business I.D. No. 0600272818. Upon information and belief, Actavis Elizabeth is registered as a Manufacturer and Wholesaler in the State of New Jersey (No. 5003329) under the trade name "Actavis Elizabeth LLC." *See* New Jersey Drug Registration and Verification, at <http://web.doh.state.nj.us/apps2/FoodDrugLicense/fdList.aspx>. Actavis Elizabeth has previously submitted to the jurisdiction of this Court and has further previously availed itself of this Court by asserting counterclaims in other civil actions initiated in this jurisdiction.

8. This Court has jurisdiction over Actavis, Inc. Upon information and belief, Actavis, Inc. is in the business of manufacturing, marketing, importing and selling pharmaceutical drug products, including generic drug products. Upon information and belief, Actavis, Inc., directly or indirectly, develops, manufactures, imports, markets, sells and distributes generic pharmaceutical products throughout the United States and in this judicial district. Upon information and belief, Actavis, Inc. is registered to do business in New Jersey under Business I.D. No. 0101005391. Upon information and belief, Actavis, Inc. is registered as a Manufacturer and Wholesaler in the State of New Jersey (No. 5003854) under the trade name "Actavis, Inc." *See* New Jersey Drug Registration and Verification, at <http://web.doh.state.nj.us/apps2/FoodDrugLicense/fdList.aspx>. Upon information and belief, Actavis Elizabeth is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Actavis, Inc. Upon information and belief,

Actavis, Inc. directs, authorizes, cooperates, participates and/or assists Actavis Elizabeth with the marketing, selling and/or distributing of its pharmaceutical products throughout the United States and in this judicial district. Actavis, Inc. has previously submitted to the jurisdiction of this Court and has further previously availed itself of this Court by asserting counterclaims in another civil action initiated in this jurisdiction.

9. This Court has jurisdiction over Actavis plc. Upon information and belief, Actavis plc is in the business of manufacturing, marketing, importing and selling pharmaceutical drug products, including generic drug products. Upon information and belief, Actavis plc, directly or through its wholly owned subsidiaries, manufactures, imports, markets and sells generic drugs throughout the United States and in this judicial district. According to Actavis plc's Form 10-K, filed February 25, 2014, "Actavis is a leading integrated global specialty pharmaceutical company engaged in the development, manufacturing, marketing, sale and distribution of generic, branded generic, brand name [], biosimilar and over-the-counter [] pharmaceutical products" and "had more than 195 ANDAs on file in the U.S." as of December 31, 2013; its U.S. portfolio contains approximately 250 generic pharmaceutical product families; and it owns properties at least in Elizabeth, New Jersey. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Actavis plc at least under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(k)(2).

10. Upon information and belief, Actavis Elizabeth, Actavis, Inc. and Actavis plc operate as a single integrated business. Upon information and belief, Actavis plc's Form 10-K indicates that it files a single financial report to the SEC for itself and its subsidiaries. Upon information and belief, Actavis Elizabeth and Actavis, Inc. share at least one director and at least one officer.

11. Venue is proper in this judicial district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and (c), and § 1400(b).

**FIRST COUNT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

12. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (“PTO”) issued the ’796 patent on November 12, 2013, entitled “Low Hygroscopic Aripiprazole Drug Substance and Processes for the Preparation Thereof.” A copy of the ’796 patent is attached as Exhibit A.

13. Otsuka is the owner of the ’796 patent by virtue of assignment.

14. The ’796 patent expires on March 25, 2023 (including pediatric exclusivity).

15. The ’796 patent is directed to and claims, *inter alia*, aripiprazole crystals.

16. Otsuka is the holder of New Drug Application (“NDA”) No. 21-436 for aripiprazole tablets, which the FDA approved on November 15, 2002.

17. Otsuka lists the ’796 patent in Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations (“the Orange Book”) for NDA No. 21-436.

18. Otsuka markets aripiprazole tablets in the United States under the trademark Abilify<sup>®</sup>.

19. Upon information and belief, Actavis Elizabeth submitted ANDA No. 90-550 to the FDA, under Section 505(j) of the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 355(j), seeking approval to manufacture, use, offer to sell and sell Actavis Elizabeth’s generic products in the United States.

20. Otsuka received a letter from Actavis dated September 26, 2014, purporting to include a Notice of Certification for ANDA No. 90-550 under 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(2)(B)(iv)(I) and 21 C.F.R. § 314.95(c)(1) (“Actavis’ 90-550 letter”) as to the ’796 patent.

21. Actavis’ 90-550 letter alleges that the “established names of the drug product that is the subject of Actavis’ ANDA is Aripiprazole Tablets.”

22. Upon information and belief, Actavis Elizabeth's generic products will, if approved and marketed, infringe at least one claim of the '796 patent.

23. Upon information and belief, under 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2)(A), Actavis Elizabeth has infringed at least one claim of the '796 patent by submitting, or causing to be submitted to the FDA, ANDA No. 90-550 seeking approval to manufacture, use, offer to sell and sell Actavis Elizabeth's generic products before the expiration date of the '796 patent.

24. Upon information and belief, Actavis Elizabeth's actions relating to Actavis Elizabeth's ANDA No. 90-550 complained of herein were done with the cooperation, participation, assistance, and for the benefit, of Actavis Elizabeth, Actavis, Inc. and Actavis plc.

#### **SECOND COUNT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

25. Otsuka realleges, and incorporates in full herein, paragraphs 16-21.

26. The PTO issued the '760 patent on February 4, 2014, entitled "Low Hygroscopic Aripiprazole Drug Substance and Processes for the Preparation Thereof." A copy of the '760 patent is attached as Exhibit B.

27. Otsuka is the owner of the '760 patent by virtue of assignment.

28. The '760 patent expires on March 25, 2023 (including pediatric exclusivity).

29. The '760 patent is directed to and claims, *inter alia*, aripiprazole drug substance.

30. Otsuka lists the '760 patent in the Orange Book for NDA No. 21-436.

31. Actavis Elizabeth's 90-550 letter purports to include a Notice of Certification for ANDA No. 90-550 under 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(2)(B)(iv)(I) and 21 C.F.R. § 314.95(c)(1) as to the '760 patent.

32. Upon information and belief, Actavis Elizabeth's generic products will, if approved and marketed, infringe at least one claim of the '760 patent.

33. Upon information and belief, under 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2)(A), Actavis Elizabeth has infringed at least one claim of the '760 patent by submitting, or causing to be submitted to the FDA, ANDA No. 90-550 seeking approval to manufacture, use, offer to sell and sell Actavis Elizabeth's generic products before the expiration date of the '760 patent.

34. Upon information and belief, Actavis Elizabeth's actions relating to Actavis Elizabeth's ANDA No. 90-550 complained of herein were done with the cooperation, participation, assistance, and for the benefit, of Actavis Elizabeth, Actavis, Inc. and Actavis plc.

### **THIRD COUNT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

35. Otsuka realleges, and incorporates in full herein, paragraphs 16-21.

36. The PTO issued the '350 patent on June 24, 2014, entitled "Carbostyryl Derivatives and Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors for Treatment of Mood Disorders." A copy of the '350 patent is attached as Exhibit C.

37. Otsuka is the owner of the '350 patent by virtue of assignment.

38. The '350 patent expires on March 2, 2027, subject to any supplemental patent term adjustment.

39. The '350 patent is directed to and claims, *inter alia*, pharmaceutical compositions and methods of treatment.

40. Otsuka lists the '350 patent in the Orange Book for NDA No. 21-436.

41. Actavis Elizabeth's 90-550 letter purports to include a Notice of Certification for ANDA No. 90-550 under 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(2)(B)(iv)(I) and 21 C.F.R. § 314.95(c)(1) as to the '350 patent.

42. Upon information and belief, Actavis Elizabeth's generic products will, if approved and marketed, infringe at least one claim of the '350 patent.

43. Upon information and belief, under 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2)(A), Actavis Elizabeth has infringed at least one claim of the '350 patent by submitting, or causing to be submitted to the FDA, ANDA No. 90-550 seeking approval to manufacture, use, offer to sell and sell Actavis Elizabeth's generic products before the expiration date of the '350 patent.

44. Upon information and belief, Actavis Elizabeth's actions relating to Actavis Elizabeth's ANDA No. 90-550 complained of herein were done with the cooperation, participation, assistance, and for the benefit, of Actavis Elizabeth, Actavis, Inc. and Actavis plc.

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff Otsuka respectfully requests that the Court enter judgment in its favor and against Actavis Elizabeth, Actavis, Inc. and Actavis plc on the patent infringement claims set forth above and respectfully requests that this Court:

- 1) enter judgment that, under 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2)(A), Actavis has infringed at least one claim of the '796 patent through Actavis Elizabeth's submission of ANDA No. 90-550 to the FDA to obtain approval to manufacture, use, offer to sell and sell Actavis Elizabeth's generic products in the United States before the expiration of the '796 patent;
- 2) order that the effective date of any approval by the FDA of Actavis Elizabeth's generic products be a date that is not earlier than the expiration of the '796 patent, or such later date as the Court may determine;
- 3) enjoin Actavis from the manufacture, use, import, offer for sale and sale of Actavis Elizabeth's generic products until the expiration of the '796 patent, or such later date as the Court may determine;



- 4) enjoin Actavis and all persons acting in concert with Actavis, from seeking, obtaining or maintaining approval of Actavis Elizabeth's ANDA No. 90-550 until expiration of the '796 patent;
- 5) enter judgment that, under 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2)(A), Actavis has infringed at least one claim of the '760 patent through Actavis Elizabeth's submission of ANDA No. 90-550 to the FDA to obtain approval to manufacture, use, offer to sell and sell Actavis Elizabeth's generic products in the United States before the expiration of the '760 patent;
- 6) order that the effective date of any approval by the FDA of Actavis Elizabeth's generic products be a date that is not earlier than the expiration of the '760 patent, or such later date as the Court may determine;
- 7) enjoin Actavis from the manufacture, use, import, offer for sale and sale of Actavis Elizabeth's generic products until the expiration of the '760 patent, or such later date as the Court may determine;
- 8) enjoin Actavis and all persons acting in concert with Actavis, from seeking, obtaining or maintaining approval of Actavis Elizabeth's ANDA No. 90-550 until expiration of the '760 patent;
- 9) enter judgment that, under 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2)(A), Actavis has infringed at least one claim of the '350 patent through Actavis Elizabeth's submission of ANDA No. 90-550 to the FDA to obtain approval to manufacture, use, offer to sell and sell Actavis Elizabeth's generic products in the United States before the expiration of the '350 patent;

- 10) order that the effective date of any approval by the FDA of Actavis Elizabeth's generic products be a date that is not earlier than the expiration of the '350 patent, or such later date as the Court may determine;
- 11) enjoin Actavis from the manufacture, use, import, offer for sale and sale of Actavis Elizabeth's generic products until the expiration of the '350 patent, or such later date as the Court may determine;
- 12) enjoin Actavis and all persons acting in concert with Actavis, from seeking, obtaining or maintaining approval of Actavis Elizabeth's ANDA No. 90-550 until expiration of the '350 patent;
- 13) declare this to be an exceptional case under 35 U.S.C. §§ 285 and 271(e)(4) and award Otsuka costs, expenses and disbursements in this action, including reasonable attorney fees; and
- 14) award Otsuka such further and additional relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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