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WE REFUSE TO ACCEPT THAT NOT EVERYONE  
CAN BENEFIT FROM OUR DISCOVERIES.

[Close-up image of a smiling mongolian woman]

If you had a new medicine that could help eradicate a disease, would you accept to postpone its distribution? No. Because health matters, the coming together of Sanofi-Synthelabo and Aventis will enable us to meet patients' needs more effectively by making new treatments accessible through an extensive global network. Our project will harness our complementary skills to create a leading pharmaceutical group (No.1 in Europe and No.3 worldwide) committed to improving healthcare and capable of driving strong, sustainable and profitable growth.

SANOFI-SYNTHELABO'S OFFER TO AVENTIS'S SHAREHOLDERS  
BECAUSE HEALTH MATTERS

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WE REFUSE TO ACCEPT THAT  
WE CANNOT DEVELOP MEDICINES  
FOR TOMORROW JUST BECAUSE OF OUR SIZE.

[Image of young girl looking upward]

Out of every 100,000 molecules screened only one becomes a new drug. Research is a major investment: it takes an average of 12 years and 800 million euros to obtain a medicine. That is why teaming up with Aventis will help us deliver more effective solutions to meet patients' needs. Together, we will harness our complementary skills to create a leading pharmaceutical group (No.1 in Europe

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