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Status Update and Request Regarding New FDA Tentatively Approved Supplier of Lamivudine/Stavudine/Nevirapine Fixed-Dose Combination Drugs

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Following our March 4, 2008 notice concerning supply shortages of Triomune (lamivudine/stavudine/nevirapine 150mg/30mg/200mg tablets) through Cipla, we are pleased to advise that the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has tentatively approved Strides Arcolab Limited (Strides) of Bangalore, India as second source of two fixed dose combination products to PEPFAR-funded programs:

- lamivudine/stavudine/nevirapine 150mg/30mg/200mg tablets
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SCMS holds an indefinite quantity contract with Strides and can therefore place new orders for these products immediately.

Strides has advised us that they expect to begin shipping the second half of May. Although this will not resolve the immediate supply shortage through Cipla, it will add significantly to the available long-term supply and provide an additional source of products for SCMS clients.

Note country registrations: One possible limiting factor may be local registration of the Strides products. The company advises us that the products named above are currently registered for supply in Côte d'Ivoire, Mozambique (registration not required), Nigeria, Uganda and Zimbabwe. Registration submissions have been submitted in Botswana, Kenya, Namibia, Tanzania, and Zambia.

SCMS staff in these countries will contact clients to whom we supply these products to discuss the option of augmenting the supplies available from Cipla with Strides product. SCMS will also be placing orders of Strides and Cipla product to stock our regional distribution centers.

Our request to you

During the second half of 2008 we hope to be able to build a substantial inventory of these high-volume products. In the meantime, we request that **country programs submit planned orders as soon as possible**, if you have not done so already. **Please contact the SCMS office in your country** or email David Jamieson (djamieson@pfscm.org) for assistance on meeting your current and future patient needs for these products.

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