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AUGUST 31, 2006

U.S. Department of Labor
Top Hat Plan Exemption
Employee Benefits Security Administration
Room N-1513
200 Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

Re: **Gilead Sciences, Inc. – 2005 Deferred Compensation Plan**
EIN: 94-3047598

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to Department of Labor Regulation Section 2520.104-23, the following information is provided with respect to a plan maintained by the employer identified below primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees:

1. Name and address of employer:
Gilead Sciences, Inc.
333 Lakeside Drive
Foster City, CA 94404
2. Employer Identification No.: 94-3047598
3. Name of Plan: 2005 Deferred Compensation Plan
4. Number of Employees in Plan: 39



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5. Declaration:

Gilead Sciences, Inc. maintains the Gilead Sciences, Inc. 2005 Deferred Compensation Plan primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees. This Plan was adopted on May 9, 2006.

6. Information on Other Plans:

Gilead Sciences, Inc. sponsors one other deferred compensation plan maintained primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees, which has previously been the subject of a statement filed under the Department of Labor Regulations Section 2520.104-23. This plan is the Gilead Sciences, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan effective as of January 1, 2003 and it covers 17 employees.

If for any reason this statement is inadequate to satisfy the requirements of Department of Labor Regulations Section 2520.104-23 as an alternative method of compliance with the reporting and disclosure requirements of Part I of Title I of ERISA, or for any reason additional information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristen M. Metza".

Kristen M. Metza
Vice President, Human Resources

cc: Bonnie K. Levitt
Baker & McKenzie, LLP

From: Origin ID: (650)522-1791
Alma Morales
Gilead Sciences
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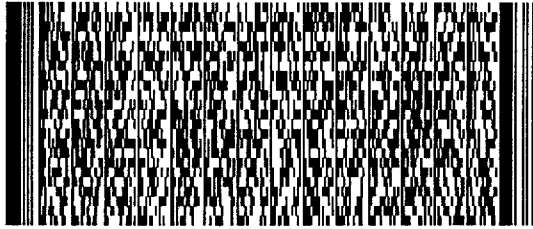
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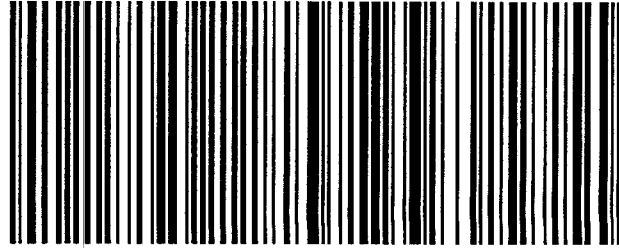
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