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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

X **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2012

Or

.. **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the Transition Period From to

Commission File Number 0-7406

PrimeEnergy Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware **84-0637348**
(State or other jurisdiction of **(I.R.S. employer**
incorporation or organization) **Identification No.)**
One Landmark Square, Stamford, Connecticut 06901
(Address of principal executive offices)
(203) 358-5700
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filings required for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

The number of shares outstanding of each class of the Registrant's Common Stock as of May 8, 2012 was: Common Stock, \$0.10 par value 2,628,968 shares.

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(Thousands of dollars)

| | March 31, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 12,855 | \$ 8,661 |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents | 5,432 | 5,142 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 14,295 | 16,506 |
| Other current assets | 8,849 | 9,194 |
| Total Current Assets | 41,431 | 39,503 |
| Property and Equipment, at cost | | |
| Oil and gas properties (successful efforts method), net | 149,560 | 136,750 |
| Field and office equipment, net | 7,816 | 7,945 |
| Total Property and Equipment, Net | 157,376 | 144,695 |
| Other Assets | 614 | 614 |
| Total Assets | \$ 199,421 | \$ 184,812 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 24,402 | \$ 29,538 |
| Accrued liabilities | 7,018 | 8,963 |
| Current portion of asset retirement and other long-term obligations | 13,705 | 12,854 |
| Derivative liability short-term | 3,503 | 2,046 |
| Due to related parties | 1,016 | 67 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 49,644 | 53,468 |
| Long-Term Bank Debt | 84,500 | 69,800 |
| Asset Retirement Obligations | 6,260 | 6,416 |
| Derivative Liability Long-Term | 3,783 | 1,461 |
| Deferred Income Taxes | 18,379 | 17,914 |
| Total Liabilities | 162,566 | 149,059 |
| Stockholders Equity | | |
| Common stock, \$.10 par value; 2012 and 2011: Authorized: 4,000,000 shares, issued: 3,836,397 shares; outstanding 2012: 2,682,249 shares; 2011: 2,701,869 shares | 383 | 383 |
| Paid-in capital | 6,492 | 6,446 |
| Retained earnings | 52,612 | 51,289 |
| Treasury stock, at cost; 2012: 1,154,148 shares; 2011: 1,134,528 shares | (31,576) | (31,120) |

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|---|-------------|------------|------------|
| Total Stockholders Equity | PrimeEnergy | 27,911 | 26,998 |
| Non-controlling interest | | 8,944 | 8,755 |
| Total Stockholders Equity | | 36,855 | 35,753 |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders Equity | | \$ 199,421 | \$ 184,812 |

The accompanying Notes are an integral part of these Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

Table of Contents**PRIMEENERGY CORPORATION****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS** Unaudited

Three Months Ended March 31, 2012 and 2011

(Thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|
| Revenues | | |
| Oil and gas sales | \$ 23,031 | \$ 21,123 |
| Realized gain on derivative instruments, net | 119 | 322 |
| Field service income | 5,115 | 4,605 |
| Administrative overhead fees | 2,164 | 2,217 |
| Unrealized loss on derivative instruments, net | (3,779) | (9,509) |
| Other income | 57 | 13 |
| Total Revenues | 26,707 | 18,771 |
| Costs and Expenses | | |
| Lease operating expense | 9,500 | 7,906 |
| Field service expense | 4,385 | 3,905 |
| Depreciation, depletion and amortization and accretion on discounted liabilities | 6,838 | 6,036 |
| General and administrative expense | 3,889 | 3,037 |
| Exploration costs | 5 | 1 |
| Total Costs and Expenses | 24,617 | 20,885 |
| Gain on Sale and Exchange of Assets | 704 | 222 |
| Income (Loss) from Operations | 2,794 | (1,892) |
| Other Income and Expenses | | |
| Less: Interest expense | 756 | 1,211 |
| Add: Interest income | 10 | 81 |
| Income (Loss) Before Provision (Benefit) for Income Taxes | 2,048 | (3,022) |
| Provision (Benefit) for Income Taxes | 387 | (1,113) |
| Net Income (Loss) | 1,661 | (1,909) |
| Less: Net Income Attributable to Non-Controlling Interests | 338 | 473 |
| Net Income (Loss) Attributable to PrimeEnergy | \$ 1,323 | \$ (2,382) |
| Basic Income (Loss) Per Common Share | \$ 0.49 | \$ (0.86) |
| Diluted Income (Loss) Per Common Share | \$ 0.39 | \$ (0.86) |

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Table of Contents**PRIMEENERGY CORPORATION****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY Unaudited**

Three Months Ended March 31, 2012

(Thousands of dollars)

| | Common Stock | | Additional | Retained | Treasury | Total | Non-Controlling | Total |
|---|--------------|--------|------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | Shares | Amount | Paid in | Earnings | Stock | Equity | Interest | Stockholders |
| | | | Capital | | | PrimeEnergy | | Equity |
| Balance at December 31, 2011 | 3,836,397 | \$ 383 | \$ 6,446 | \$ 51,289 | \$ (31,120) | \$ 26,998 | \$ 8,755 | \$ 35,753 |
| Purchase 19,620 shares of common stock | | | | | (456) | (456) | | (456) |
| Net income | | | | 1,323 | | 1,323 | 338 | 1,661 |
| Purchase of non-controlling interests | | | 46 | | | 46 | (68) | (22) |
| Distributions to non-controlling interests | | | | | | | (81) | (81) |
| Balance at March 31, 2012 | 3,836,397 | \$ 383 | \$ 6,492 | \$ 52,612 | \$ (31,576) | \$ 27,911 | \$ 8,944 | \$ 36,855 |

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The above documents are available for download on the Prices and News section of the London Stock Exchange website, [londonstockexchange.com](http://www.londonstockexchange.com).

Documents filed at Companies House

Documents listed below were filed with the Registrar of Companies in England and Wales on or around the dates indicated.

Document type

Form SH03 – Return of Purchase of Own Shares
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Form CH01 – Change of Director’s Details
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Resolutions of Annual General Meeting
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Form SH03 – Return of Purchase of Own Shares
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The documents above are available for download from the Companies House website at www.companieshouse.gov.uk, or can be obtained from Companies House, Crown Way, Maindy, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ.

Documents submitted to the FSA

The documents listed below were submitted to The National Storage Mechanism (NSM) on or around the dates indicated.

Document

Letter from the Chairman
Notice of AGM 2012 and Shareholder’s Circular
AstraZeneca 2011 In Brief
AstraZeneca Annual Report and Form 20-F Information 2011

The above documents are available for download from the NSM website at www.Hemscott.com/nsm.do. The Letter from the Chairman, Notice of AGM 2012, AstraZeneca 2011 In Brief and Annual Report and Form 20-F Information 2011 are also available in the investors section of our website, www.astrazeneca.com.

Documents lodged with the Securities and Exchange Commission

The documents listed below were filed with the SEC on or around the dates indicated.

Document

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Form SC 13G/A
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Form 20-F
Form 6-K

The documents above are available for viewing on the Investor section of our website, www.astrazeneca.com.

Further Information

Information about AstraZeneca PLC can be found at our website, www.astrazeneca.com.

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2012

REPURCHASE OF SHARES IN ASTRAZENECA PLC

o the announcement of its irrevocable, non-discretionary share repurchase programme for the period 5 March 2012 to 11 May
traZeneca PLC announced that under the terms of that programme it purchased for cancellation 305,856 ordinary shares of
eca PLC at a price of 2782 pence per share on 11 April 2012. Upon the cancellation of these shares, the number of shares in
l be 1,272,690,629.

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2012

REPURCHASE OF SHARES IN ASTRAZENECA PLC

o the announcement of its irrevocable, non-discretionary share repurchase programme for the period 5 March 2012 to 11 May
traZeneca PLC announced that under the terms of that programme it purchased for cancellation 304,443 ordinary shares of
eca PLC at a price of 2795 pence per share on 12 April 2012. Upon the cancellation of these shares, the number of shares in
l be 1,272,470,727.

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2012

REPURCHASE OF SHARES IN ASTRAZENECA PLC

o the announcement of its irrevocable, non-discretionary share repurchase programme for the period 5 March 2012 to 11 May
traZeneca PLC announced that under the terms of that programme it purchased for cancellation 305,113 ordinary shares of
eca PLC at a price of 2789 pence per share on 13 April 2012. Upon the cancellation of these shares, the number of shares in
l be 1,272,269,582.

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2012

REPURCHASE OF SHARES IN ASTRAZENECA PLC

o the announcement of its irrevocable, non-discretionary share repurchase programme for the period 5 March 2012 to 11 May
traZeneca PLC announced that under the terms of that programme it purchased for cancellation 304,214 ordinary shares of
eca PLC at a price of 2797 pence per share on 16 April 2012. Upon the cancellation of these shares, the number of shares in
l be 1,271,988,473.

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2012

REPURCHASE OF SHARES IN ASTRAZENECA PLC

o the announcement of its irrevocable, non-discretionary share repurchase programme for the period 5 March 2012 to 11 May
traZeneca PLC announced that under the terms of that programme it purchased for cancellation 301,651 ordinary shares of
eca PLC at a price of 2821 pence per share on 17 April 2012. Upon the cancellation of these shares, the number of shares in
l be 1,271,744,799.

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2012

REPURCHASE OF SHARES IN ASTRAZENECA PLC

o the announcement of its irrevocable, non-discretionary share repurchase programme for the period 5 March 2012 to 11 May
traZeneca PLC announced that under the terms of that programme it purchased for cancellation 300,622 ordinary shares of
eca PLC at a price of 2831 pence per share on 18 April 2012. Upon the cancellation of these shares, the number of shares in
l be 1,271,610,673.

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y Secretary
2012

REPURCHASE OF SHARES IN ASTRAZENECA PLC

o the announcement of its irrevocable, non-discretionary share repurchase programme for the period 5 March 2012 to 11 May
traZeneca PLC announced that under the terms of that programme it purchased for cancellation 301,265 ordinary shares of
eca PLC at a price of 2825 pence per share on 19 April 2012. Upon the cancellation of these shares, the number of shares in
l be 1,271,368,223.

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2012

FORXIGA (DAPAGLIFLOZIN) RECEIVES POSITIVE CHMP OPINION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION FOR THE TREATMENT OF TYPE 2 DIABETES

AstraZeneca and Bristol-Myers Squibb Company today announced that the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) has recommended the approval of FORXIGA (dapagliflozin) tablets for the treatment of type 2 diabetes, as an adjunct to diet and exercise, in combination with other glucose-lowering medicinal products including insulin, and as a monotherapy in metformin intolerant patients.

Dapagliflozin is an investigational selective and reversible inhibitor of sodium-glucose co-transporter 2 (SGLT2), which works independently of insulin. This is the first in the new SGLT2 class to receive a positive CHMP opinion for the treatment of type 2 diabetes, a disease where high unmet medical need exists.

A positive opinion was reached after the CHMP reviewed data from a comprehensive clinical development programme that included Phase III trials assessing the safety and efficacy of dapagliflozin as a once-daily oral therapy. These trials involved 5,693 patients with type 2 diabetes, including 3,939 patients treated with dapagliflozin.

Dapagliflozin 10mg is intended as a once-daily oral dose in adult patients with type 2 diabetes to improve glycaemic control: as monotherapy, when diet and exercise alone do not provide adequate glycaemic control in patients for whom use of metformin is considered inappropriate due to intolerance; or in combination with other glucose-lowering medicinal products including insulin, when these, together with diet and exercise, do not provide adequate glycaemic control.

Dr. Peter J. Hennan, Chief Executive Officer, AstraZeneca, said: “We are pleased the CHMP has given a positive assessment of the safety and risk profile of this novel product in a new class for the treatment of type 2 diabetes, an area of high unmet medical need.”

The CHMP's positive opinion on dapagliflozin will now be reviewed by the European Commission, which has the authority to approve dapagliflozin for the European Union.

SGLT2 Inhibition

SGLT2 plays an important role in glucose balance, normally filtering ~180g of glucose each day, with virtually all glucose being reabsorbed back into circulation. SGLT2 is a major sodium-glucose co-transporter in the kidney and is an insulin-independent transporter for the re-absorption of glucose back into the blood. Selective inhibition of SGLT2 facilitates the excretion of glucose and calories in the urine, thereby lowering blood glucose levels.

Type 2 Diabetes

As of 2011, diabetes was estimated to have affected nearly 53 million people aged 20-79 in Europe, and this figure is projected to rise to more than 64 million by 2030. Type 2 diabetes accounts for approximately 85 to 95% of all cases of diagnosed diabetes in Europe. Type 2 diabetes is a chronic disease characterised by insulin resistance and/or dysfunction of beta cells in the pancreas, which impairs insulin sensitivity and secretion, leading to elevated blood glucose levels. Over time, this sustained hyperglycaemia leads to worsening insulin resistance and further beta cell dysfunction. Significant unmet need exists as many patients remain uncontrolled on their current glucose-lowering regimen.

Myers Squibb and AstraZeneca Collaboration

Myers Squibb and AstraZeneca entered into a collaboration in January 2007 to enable the companies to research, develop and commercialise select investigational drugs for type 2 diabetes. The Bristol-Myers Squibb/AstraZeneca Diabetes collaboration is dedicated to global patient care, improving patient outcomes and creating a new vision for the treatment of type 2 diabetes.

AstraZeneca

AstraZeneca is a global, innovation-driven biopharmaceutical business with a primary focus on the discovery, development and commercialisation of prescription medicines for gastrointestinal, cardiovascular, neuroscience, respiratory and inflammation, oncology and infectious disease. AstraZeneca operates in over 100 countries and its innovative medicines are used by millions of patients worldwide. For more information please visit: www.astrazeneca.com.

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REPURCHASE OF SHARES IN ASTRAZENECA PLC

o the announcement of its irrevocable, non-discretionary share repurchase programme for the period 5 March 2012 to 11 May
traZeneca PLC announced that under the terms of that programme it purchased for cancellation 298,556 ordinary shares of
eca PLC at a price of 2850 pence per share on 20 April 2012. Upon the cancellation of these shares, the number of shares in
l be 1,271,150,503.

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2012

ASTRAZENECA TO ACQUIRE ARDEA BIOSCIENCES FOR \$1 BILLION (NET OF EXISTING CASH) INCLUDING LEAD PRODUCT LESINURAD IN PHASE III DEVELOPMENT FOR GOUT

AstraZeneca and Ardea Biosciences, Inc. (Ardea) today announced that they have entered into a definitive merger agreement, pursuant to which AstraZeneca will acquire Ardea, a San Diego, California-based biotechnology company focused on the development of small molecule therapeutics. Ardea's clinically most advanced product candidate, lesinurad (formerly known as RDEA594), is currently in Phase III development as a potential treatment for the chronic management of hyperuricaemia in patients with gout.

Under the terms of the agreement, AstraZeneca will acquire Ardea for \$32 per share which represents a total cash value of approximately \$1.26 billion, including existing cash. This represents a premium on the value of Ardea's stock of 50% based on the one month volume-weighted average price (VWAP) and 54% based on the closing price on Friday, 20 April 2012.

Lesinurad is a selective inhibitor of URAT1, a transporter in the proximal tubule cells of the kidney that regulates uric acid excretion in the body, which is being developed as an oral, once-daily treatment for the chronic management of hyperuricaemia in patients with gout. Lesinurad is being studied in an ongoing Phase III clinical development programme as an add-on treatment to allopurinol in patients not reaching target serum uric acid levels on allopurinol alone, as monotherapy for those patients who are intolerant to allopurinol or febuxostat and as an add-on treatment to febuxostat in patients with tophaceous gout. Filings for a New Drug Application (NDA) in the US and a Marketing Authorisation Application (MAA) in the EU are planned for the first half of 2012. AstraZeneca also plans to develop and commercialise lesinurad in China and Japan. AstraZeneca will supplement Ardea's capabilities to progress lesinurad Phase III development programme and regulatory submissions. The company will seek to offset the further development costs of the Ardea compounds in its existing R&D programme.

As a result of this acquisition, AstraZeneca would also add to its pipeline RDEA3170, a next-generation selective URAT1 inhibitor currently in Phase I development.

"This attractive Phase III programme is an excellent opportunity to leverage AstraZeneca's global specialty and primary care sales and marketing capabilities," said David Brennan, Chief Executive Officer of AstraZeneca. "The Ardea team has done a great job developing lesinurad along with a promising next-generation gout programme. These compounds have real potential to benefit patients."

"We are delighted to be joining AstraZeneca," said Barry D. Quart, President and Chief Executive Officer of Ardea. "From our earliest discussions, we were impressed with the quality of AstraZeneca's people and we are confident their commercial strength and global marketing help realise the full potential of our programmes. The Ardea team and I are committed to helping complete development of lesinurad and working to secure registration for lesinurad."

ards of Directors of AstraZeneca and Ardea have unanimously approved the terms of the agreement, and Ardea's Board has decided that its shareholders approve the transaction. Subject to the approval of Ardea's shareholders as well as other conditions of customary regulatory approvals, the transaction will close in the second or third quarter of 2012. Ardea shareholders owning approximately 30% of the current total shares outstanding have entered into a voting agreement with AstraZeneca to vote in favor of the transaction.

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a painful, debilitating and progressive disease caused by abnormally elevated levels of uric acid in the blood stream. This leads to the deposition of painful, needle-like uric acid crystals in and around the connective tissue of the joints and in the kidneys.

estimated that there were approximately 14.7 million diagnosed prevalent cases of chronic gout in the major markets in 2009, and is forecast to grow to 16.6 million in 2019.

Ardea

Ardea is a biotechnology company based in San Diego, California, focused on the development of small-molecule therapeutics for the treatment of serious diseases. Ardea's most advanced clinical-stage product candidates include lesinurad, formerly known as ARD-101, a selective, oral URAT1 transporter inhibitor for the chronic management of hyperuricaemia in patients with gout and ARD-102, formerly known as RDEA119, a specific inhibitor of mitogen-activated ERK kinase (MEK) for the treatment of cancer. ARD-102 is being developed under a global license agreement with Bayer HealthCare. For more information please visit: [ardeabiotech.com](http://www.ardeabiotech.com).

Shareholder information

In connection with the proposed acquisition and required stockholder approval, Ardea will file with the SEC a proxy statement. The proxy statement will be mailed to the stockholders of Ardea. Ardea's stockholders are urged to read the proxy statement and other materials when they become available because they will contain important information about the acquisition and the terms of the transaction. Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of these documents (when they are available) and other documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov. In addition, investors and security holders may obtain additional details on the transaction as well as free copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Ardea by going to the Investor Relations page on its corporate website as above.

Ardea and its officers and directors may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from Ardea's stockholders with respect to the acquisition. Information about Ardea's executive officers and directors and their ownership of Ardea stock is set forth in the proxy statement for the Ardea 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 10, 2012. Investors and security holders may obtain more detailed information regarding the direct and indirect interests of the Ardea and its respective officers and directors in the acquisition by reading the preliminary and definitive proxy statements regarding the merger, which will be filed with the SEC.

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AstraZeneca is a global, innovation-driven biopharmaceutical business with a primary focus on the discovery, development and commercialisation of prescription medicines for gastrointestinal, cardiovascular, neuroscience, respiratory and inflammation, oncology and infectious disease. AstraZeneca operates in over 100 countries and its innovative medicines are used by millions of patients worldwide. For more information please visit: www.astrazeneca.com.

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ASTRAZENECA FIRST QUARTER RESULTS 2012

On Thursday, 26 April 2012, AstraZeneca will release first quarter results 2012 at 07:00 BST.

The analysts' presentation of the first quarter results will take place at 12:00 BST and will be accessible by a choice of two routes:

1. Live webcast (available at <http://www.astrazeneca.com/financial-results>). You will be able to email questions to the presenters during the Q&A session.

Teleconference with Q&A. Dial in numbers:

Local phone): 0800 694 2370
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PDF versions of slides will be available to download on the AstraZeneca Investor Relations website (www.astrazeneca.com/financial-results) 15 minutes before the analysts presentation begins.

Full details of the teleconference and webcast replay facilities are available on the Investor Relations section of the AstraZeneca website (www.astrazeneca.com/financial-results) and the AstraZeneca Events website: <http://info.astrazenecaevents.com>.

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 QUARTER RESULTS 2012

London, 26 April 2012

Quarter results reflect challenging revenue picture. Pipeline strengthened by Amgen collaboration, the agreement to acquire biosciences and positive CHMP opinion for FORXIGATM (dapagliflozin) in Europe.

Revenue for the first quarter was \$7,349 million, down 11 percent at constant exchange rates (CER).

Loss of exclusivity on several key brands accounted for 8 percentage points of the revenue decline, which included the recognition of a provision for million returns reserve against US trade inventories of Seroquel IR following generic launches at the end of March 2012.

Emerging Markets revenue increased by 1 percent at CER, reflecting the quarterly phasing that the Company anticipated. Company expects a rebound in the remaining three quarters, but achieving double-digit growth for the full year may be a challenge.

EPS was \$1.81 in the first quarter, a 19 percent decline at CER compared with the first quarter last year, which benefited by two one-off gains. Excluding these gains, Core EPS would have increased by 2 percent compared with last year.

Operating margin in the first quarter 2011 included a \$131 million benefit (\$0.07 per share) from settlement of patent disputes with Pharmacia, Inc.

EPS in the first quarter 2011 benefited by \$0.39 as a result of agreements reached between the UK and US governments over tax matters.

Final phase of the restructuring programme is being implemented with pace, reflected in the \$702 million in restructuring costs in the first quarter.

Core EPS was down 39 percent at CER to \$1.28.

Change in Reported EPS is significantly larger than the decline in Core EPS, largely the result of restructuring costs that were \$0.37 per share in the first quarter 2011.

Shareholder distributions to shareholders in the first quarter were \$3,417 million, through dividend payments of \$2,505 million and net share repurchases of \$912 million.

2012 EPS target range for the full year lowered to \$5.85 to \$6.15.

Summary

| 1st Quarter 2012 \$m | 1st Quarter 2011 \$m | Actual % | CER % |
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|---------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|
| e | 7,349 | 8,292 | -11 | -11 |
| d | | | | |
| ating Profit | 2,160 | 3,401 | -36 | -37 |
| t before Tax | 2,053 | 3,288 | -38 | -38 |
| ngs per Share | \$1.28 | \$2.08 | -38 | -39 |
| ating Profit | 2,997 | 3,678 | -19 | -18 |
| t before Tax | 2,890 | 3,565 | -19 | -19 |
| ngs per Share | \$1.81 | \$2.23 | -19 | -19 |

ore financial measures are supplemental non-GAAP measures which management believe enhance understanding of the company's performance; it is upon these measures that financial guidance for 2012 is based. See page 2 for a definition of Core financial measures and a reconciliation of Core to Reported financial measures.

rennan, Chief Executive Officer, commenting on the results, said: “The anticipated impact from the loss of exclusivity on brands, together with challenging market conditions, has made for a difficult start to the year in revenue terms. Delivery on manufacturing plans and continued discipline on operating costs, together with the benefits from a lower tax rate, will only partially offset the revenue pressures. As a result we have lowered our Core EPS target for the full year to the range of \$5.85 to \$6.15.”

Our recently announced collaboration with Amgen on a portfolio of five clinical stage projects in the field of inflammation illustrates our willingness to look beyond our laboratories to invest in innovative science wherever it originates. Our agreement to acquire Ardea Genomics will add a promising Phase III project for the chronic management of hyperuricaemia in patients with gout. Lastly, we are pleased that the European Union’s CHMP has issued a positive recommendation for regulatory approval for FORXIGA™ (dapagliflozin); with our partner Bristol-Myers Squibb we look forward to making this new medicine available to patients with diabetes,” said.

Operating and Financial Review

Performance in this section refers to growth rates at constant exchange rates (CER) and on a Core basis unless otherwise specified. These measures, which are presented in addition to our Reported financial information, are non-GAAP measures which management believe useful to enhance understanding of the Group’s underlying financial performance of our ongoing businesses and the key business drivers thereto. Core financial measures are adjusted to exclude certain significant items, such as charges and credits related to our global restructuring programmes, amortisation and impairment of the significant intangibles relating to our acquisition of MedImmune Inc. in 2007 and our current and future exit arrangements with Merck in the US, and other specified items. For more detail on the nature of these measures is given on page 84 of our Annual Report and Form 20-F Information 2011.

Quarter

Financial figures, except earnings per share, are in \$ millions. Weighted average shares in millions.

| | Reported | Merck & MedImmune | Intangible | Legal | Core | Core | Actual | CER | |
|--------|----------|-------------------|--------------|------------|---------|---------|---------|------|------|
| | 2012 | Restructuring | Amortisation | Provisions | 2012 | 2011 | % | % | |
| | | | Impairments | & Other | | | | | |
| Sales | 7,349 | - | - | - | 7,349 | 8,292 | (11) | (11) | |
| Profit | (1,375) | 55 | - | - | (1,320) | (1,327) | | | |
| Profit | 5,974 | 55 | - | - | 6,029 | 6,965 | (13) | (13) | |
| Profit | 81.3% | | | | 82.0% | 84.0% | -2.0 | -1.9 | |
| Profit | (76) | - | - | - | (76) | (80) | (5) | (3) | |
| Profit | 1.0% | | | | 1.0% | 1.0% | - | -0.1 | |
| Profit | (1,530) | 445 | - | - | (1,085) | (1,072) | 1 | 2 | |
| Profit | 20.8% | | | | 14.7% | 12.9% | -1.8 | -1.9 | |
| Profit | (2,461) | 202 | 117 | - | 4 | (2,138) | (2,350) | (9) | (9) |
| Profit | 33.5% | | | | 29.1% | 28.3% | -0.8 | -0.8 | |
| Profit | 253 | - | 14 | - | - | 267 | 215 | 24 | 25 |
| Profit | 3.4% | | | | 3.6% | 2.6% | +1.0 | +1.1 | |
| Profit | 2,160 | 702 | 131* | - | 4 | 2,997 | 3,678 | (19) | (18) |
| Profit | 29.4% | | | | 40.8% | 44.4% | -3.6 | -3.6 | |

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|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| Income Expense | (107) | - | - | - | - | (107) | (113) | | |
| Income Before Tax | 2,053 | 702 | 131 | - | 4 | 2,890 | 3,565 | (19) | (19) |
| Income Tax | (411) | (141) | (18)* | - | (1) | (571) | (439) | | |
| Income After Tax | 1,642 | 561 | 113 | - | 3 | 2,319 | 3,126 | (26) | (26) |
| Controlling Interests | (2) | - | - | - | - | (2) | (8) | | |
| Net Income | 1,640 | 561 | 113 | - | 3 | 2,317 | 3,118 | (26) | (26) |
| Weighted Average Shares | 1,281 | 1,281 | 1,281 | 1,281 | 1,281 | 1,281 | 1,397 | | |
| Net Income per Share | 1.28 | 0.44 | 0.09 | - | - | 1.81 | 2.23 | (19) | (19) |

The \$131 million amortisation adjustment, \$90 million is related to MedImmune, with a corresponding tax adjustment of \$18 million; Merck related amortisation was \$41 million, which carries no tax adjustment.

Revenue in the first quarter was down 11 percent at CER and on an actual basis as exchange rate movements were neutral to reported revenue. The disposal of Astra Tech last year accounted for 1.7 percent of the revenue decline. Loss of exclusivity for several products, chiefly Seroquel IR, Nexium and Arimidex, accounted for 8 percent of the decline in revenue. Shortfalls in the supply of products caused by the implementation of a new enterprise resource planning IT system at the Company's manufacturing plant in the United States reduced revenues by just under 1 percent in the first quarter. Though the underlying problems have now been largely resolved, we anticipate further limitation in the supply chain in some markets during the second quarter as production responds to demand, fulfilling back orders and restoring normal inventory levels.

venues were down 12 percent. Generic competition for Seroquel IR commenced at the end of March. In line with the company's established practice, a returns reserve was taken against the estimated trade inventories of Seroquel IR; this amounted to \$100 million, or around 7 percentage points of the decline in US revenues for the quarter. The negative impact of US healthcare reform in the first quarter revenue was \$205 million, including a \$38 million adjustment in the Medicare coverage gap discounts related to drug utilisation.

Revenue in the Rest of World (ROW) was down 11 percent. Revenue in Western Europe was down 19 percent, chiefly on generic competition and lower realised prices. Revenue in Established ROW was down 9 percent. Revenue in Emerging Markets was up 1 percent, in line with expectations for a quarterly phasing of revenue that would be biased towards the remaining three quarters of the year. Revenue declines in just three markets (Brazil, Turkey and Mexico) accounted for more than 40 percent of the shortfall from double-digit growth rates for Emerging Markets. We expect a rebound in the remaining three quarters of the year, but achieving double-digit growth for the full year may be a challenge.

Consolidated with the 11 percent decline in revenue, Core gross margin declined by 13 percent. Core gross margin in the first quarter of 2012 included a \$131 million benefit from the settlement of patent disputes between MedImmune and PDL BioPharma, Inc. This benefit accounted for 1.6 percentage points of the 1.9 percentage point decline in gross margin in the first quarter 2012 compared to the first quarter of last year.

Expenses in Core SG&A were down 9 percent, as benefits from restructuring and overall lower sales and marketing expenses in established markets more than offset selective investments in Emerging Markets. The excise fee imposed by the enactment of US healthcare reform measures amounted to 2.8 percent of SG&A expense in the quarter.

Other income of \$267 million was up 25 percent. The first quarter 2012 includes the impact from the licensing of US commercial rights for Zomig to Impax Laboratories; AstraZeneca now recognises the commercial contribution from Zomig in other income, rather than as revenue.

Pre-R&D operating profit was down 14 percent to \$4,082 million. Core Pre-R&D operating margin was 55.5 percent of revenue, at the top of our 48 to 54 percent planning range, but down 1.7 percentage points compared with last year. Lower revenue and higher R&D margin was only partially offset by lower SG&A expenses and higher other income.

R&D expense increased by 2 percent in the first quarter, with the increase largely attributable to a net increase in intangible asset amortisation compared with last year (\$50 million related to TC-5214 in the first quarter 2012). For the full year, Core R&D expense is expected to be lower than last year on a constant currency basis.

Operating profit was down 18 percent to \$2,997 million, on the declines in revenue and Core Pre-R&D operating margin combined with the slightly higher Core R&D expense.

Earnings per share were down 19 percent to \$1.81, with the negative impact from a higher tax rate compared with the first quarter of 2011 (which benefited from tax settlements) broadly offset by the benefit from the lower number of shares outstanding as a result of share repurchases.

Adjusted operating profit was down 37 percent to \$2,160 million. Reported EPS was down 39 percent to \$1.28. The larger declines in adjusted operating profit and EPS compared to the declines for Core profit measures are largely the result of higher restructuring costs in the first quarter of 2012 (\$702 million) compared with the first quarter last year (\$143 million).

Operating Productivity

The company is making good progress in implementing the third phase of restructuring announced in February 2012, as evidenced by \$100 million in restructuring charges taken in the first quarter (of which \$445 million was in R&D). This first quarter charge is one

The estimated total programme cost of \$2.1 billion. It is anticipated that most of the total restructuring costs will be taken in
programme is on track to deliver the \$1.6 billion in annual benefits by the end of 2014.

Income and Expense

Interest expense was \$107 million for the quarter, versus \$113 million in 2011. There was a \$6 million reduction in interest on defined benefit pension scheme liabilities compared to the first quarter 2011. Interest payable on debt balances and fair values recorded on long-term bonds were broadly unchanged versus the first quarter 2011.

Effective tax rate for the first quarter was 20.0 percent compared with 11.3 percent for the same period last year. The full year effective tax rate is now anticipated to be around 22 percent (reduced from 24 percent) as a result of a UK tax rate reduction, resolution of audit issues in the first quarter and variations in the levels and mix of profitability in different jurisdictions.

The effective tax rate for the first quarter of last year benefited from a favourable adjustment to tax provisions of \$540 million following the announcement in March 2011 that HM Revenue & Customs in the UK and the US Internal Revenue Service agreed the terms of an Advance Pricing Agreement regarding transfer pricing arrangements for AstraZeneca's US business for the period from the end of 2014 and a related valuation matter. Excluding this benefit, the effective tax rate for the quarter ending 31 March 2012 was 27.8 percent on a reported basis.

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Net cash generated from operating activities was \$1,540 million in the quarter to 31 March 2012, compared with \$1,890 million in the same period of 2011. Improvements in working capital offset the lower operating profit, while increased pension fund contributions were partially offset by higher outflows in non-cash and other movements.

Net cash inflows from investing activities were \$593 million in the quarter compared with \$100 million in the first quarter of 2011. The net cash inflow of \$493 million is due primarily to the net movement between cash and short-term investments and fixed deposits, and the net cash inflow of \$100 million is due to the net cash received on the disposal of property, plant and equipment.

Net cash payments to shareholders were \$3,417 million through net share repurchases of \$912 million and \$2,505 million from the payment of the second interim dividend from 2011.

Capital Structure

At 31 March 2012, outstanding gross debt (interest-bearing loans and borrowings) was \$9,383 million (31 December 2011: \$9,328 million). Of the gross debt outstanding at 31 March 2012, \$2,006 million is due within one year (31 December 2011: \$1,990 million).

Net debt of \$943 million has decreased by \$1,906 million during the quarter as a result of the net cash outflow as described in the Cash Flow section above.

Share Repurchases

In the first quarter of 2012 the Group repurchased 22.6 million shares for a total of \$1,055 million. In the quarter, 4.2 million shares were repurchased in consideration of share option exercises for a total of \$143 million.

The number of shares in issue at 31 March 2012 was 1,274 million.

Outlook

The revenue profile for 2012 will be largely defined by the impact of the loss of exclusivity on several products, particularly Seroquel. The disposal of Astra Tech and the ongoing disposal of the Aptium business will also contribute to the decline in revenue. In addition, the headwinds from government interventions on price are looking to be at the upper end of our planning assumptions for the full year. In balance, we now expect the decline in revenue for the full year will be in the range of the low to mid-teens in constant terms.

the backdrop of this challenging revenue picture, we are proceeding apace with the third phase of restructuring. Continued execution of restructuring benefits, ongoing discipline in operating expenses and a lower projected tax rate for the year will only partially mitigate the downward pressure on revenue. As a result, we have lowered our Core EPS target for the full year to the range of \$6.15.

The EPS guidance has been based on January 2012 average exchange rates for our principal currencies, and actual first quarter results were broadly in line with this currency assumption. The target takes no account of the likelihood that average exchange rates for the remainder of 2012 may differ materially from the rates upon which our earnings guidance is based. An estimate of the sales volume sensitivity to movements of our major currencies versus the US dollar was provided in conjunction with the Full Year Results announcement, and can be found on the AstraZeneca website, www.astrazeneca.com/investors.

and Development Update

Comprehensive update of the AstraZeneca R&D pipeline was presented in conjunction with the Full Year 2011 results and the table remains available on the Company's website, www.astrazeneca.com, under information for investors.

Updates since the last update include:

AstraZeneca collaboration with Amgen

In April 2012, AstraZeneca and Amgen announced an agreement to jointly develop and commercialise five monoclonal antibodies from Amgen's clinical inflammation portfolio: AMG 139, AMG 157, AMG 181, AMG 557 and brodalumab (AMG 827).

The companies believe all the molecules have novel properties and offer the potential to deliver important treatments across multiple indications in inflammatory diseases.

Under the terms of the agreement, AstraZeneca will make a one-time \$50 million upfront payment and the companies will share both development and profits. Based on current plans, approximately 65 percent of costs for the 2012-14 period will be funded by AstraZeneca. Thereafter, the companies will split costs equally. Amgen will book sales globally and retain a low single-digit royalty for brodalumab and a mid single-digit royalty for the rest of the portfolio, after which the companies will share profits equally.

ATM (dapagliflozin)

In April 2012, AstraZeneca and Bristol-Myers Squibb Company announced that the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) has recommended the approval of FORXIGA™ (dapagliflozin) tablets for the treatment of type 2 diabetes, as an adjunct to diet and exercise, in combination with other glucose-lowering medicinal products including insulin, and as a monotherapy in metformin intolerant patients.

Dapagliflozin is an investigational selective and reversible inhibitor of sodium-glucose co-transporter 2 (SGLT2), which works independently of insulin. This is the first in the new SGLT2 class to receive a positive CHMP opinion for the treatment of type 2 diabetes, a disease where high unmet medical need exists.

Dapagliflozin 10mg is intended as a once-daily oral dose in adult patients with type 2 diabetes to improve glycaemic control:

- as a monotherapy, when diet and exercise alone do not provide adequate glycaemic control in patients for whom use of metformin is considered inappropriate due to intolerance;
- in combination with other glucose-lowering medicinal products including insulin, when these, together with diet and exercise, do not provide adequate glycaemic control.

The CHMP's positive opinion on dapagliflozin will now be reviewed by the European Commission, which has the authority to approve medicines for the European Union.

In March 2012, AstraZeneca and Targacept announced top-line results from the remaining Phase III studies investigating efficacy, safety and safety of TC-5214 as an adjunct therapy to an antidepressant in patients with major depressive disorder (MDD) who do not respond adequately to initial antidepressant treatment. RENAISSANCE 4 and RENAISSANCE 5, both efficacy and safety studies, did not meet the primary endpoint of change on the Montgomery-Asberg Depression Rating Scale total score after

eks of treatment with TC-5214 as compared with placebo.

the results of these trials, and the totality of the results for all studies in the RENAISSANCE programme, AstraZeneca and
t will not pursue a regulatory filing for TC-5214 as an adjunct treatment for patients with MDD.

eca took an intangible asset impairment charge of \$50 million, the remaining value in relation to TC-5214, in the first quarter

Quadrivalent

In March 2012, AstraZeneca announced that MedImmune, its biologics arm, received approval from the US FDA for FluMist Quadrivalent (Influenza Vaccine Live, Intranasal) in the prevention of influenza. This marks the first four-strain influenza vaccine approved by the FDA.

Previously licensed seasonal influenza vaccines currently available in the US are trivalent, containing three strains (two strains of type A influenza (A/H1N1 and A/H3N2) and one B lineage strain). FluMist Quadrivalent contains four strains (two type A strains and two type B strains) to help provide broad protection against circulating influenza A and B.

(vandetanib)

In February 2012, the Company announced that the European Commission granted marketing authorisation for Caprelsa (vandetanib) for the treatment of aggressive and symptomatic medullary thyroid cancer (MTC) in patients with unresectable locally advanced or metastatic disease. Caprelsa is the first approved treatment for advanced MTC in Europe.

Advanced MTC is a rare disease with a poor prognosis. Caprelsa was granted orphan drug status and approved by the US FDA in 2011. Caprelsa is also approved in Canada and is under review in Russia, Switzerland, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina and Australia.

ative in this section refers to growth rates at constant exchange rates (CER) unless otherwise indicated.

Analysis of the Group's revenue by product and geographic area is shown on page 19.

| | First Quarter | | |
|--------------------|---------------|-------|------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | CER |
| | \$m | \$m | % |
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| n | 953 | 1,161 | -18 |
| Prilosec | 170 | 235 | -29 |
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| n/Toprol-XL | 224 | 245 | -8 |
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In the US, Nexium sales in the first quarter were \$535 million, down 11 percent compared with the first quarter last year. Dispensed retail tablet volume declined by 11 percent. Nearly 40 percent of the volume decline was related to a 57 percent decline in low margin Medicaid prescriptions; this change in mix resulted in a slight increase in average realised selling prices in the quarter.

Nexium sales in other markets were down 25 percent to \$418 million. Sales in Western Europe were down 53 percent, largely the result of generic competition. Sales in Established Rest of World were down 2 percent, as a decline in Japan was more than offset by the impact of generic competition in Canada. Sales in Emerging Markets were up 2 percent.

Generic sales in markets outside the US were down 28 percent to \$162 million.

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In the US, Crestor sales in the first quarter were \$682 million, unchanged from last year. Total prescriptions for Crestor products in the US increased by 1.8 percent in the first quarter. Crestor total prescriptions increased by 2.1 percent, largely unaffected by the launch of generic atorvastatin in November of last year. The small decline in Crestor realised selling prices is due to the adjustment in the Medicare coverage gap discounts related to 2011 legislation.

Crestor sales in the Rest of World were up 3 percent to \$818 million. Sales in Western Europe were up 5 percent in volume growth partially offset by slightly lower prices. Sales in Established ROW were up 3 percent, as sales in Japan were unchanged. Crestor is now the leading statin by volume share in Japan, but continued strong underlying demand was offset by the quarterly phasing of shipments to our marketing partner. Sales in Emerging Markets were up 1 percent, as growth in China and Emerging Europe was offset by generic erosion in Brazil.

Sales of the Toprol-XL product range, which includes sales of the authorised generic, declined by 28 percent to \$151 million, largely the result of lower selling prices following the launch of a third generic product late last year.

Sales of Seloken in other markets were up 6 percent to \$151 million on 12 percent growth in Emerging Markets.

Sales of Atacand were down 13 percent in the quarter, to \$40 million. Sales in other markets were down 9 percent to \$277 million, largely due to the 57 percent decline in Canada from generic competition.

Revenue from the ONGLYZATM collaboration with Bristol-Myers Squibb totalled \$72 million in the first quarter, of which \$54 million was in the US and \$18 million in other markets. ONGLYZATM share of total prescriptions for DPP4 products in the US was 11.4 percent in March 2012. KOMBIGLYZE XRTM added a further 5.1 percent total prescription share to the franchise in the US in March. Marketing authorisation for KOMBIGLYZETM, the twice daily combination of saxagliptin and immediate-release metformin, was granted by the European Commission in November 2011. However, due to a technical manufacturing issue launch is not expected until 2013.

Sales of Brilinta/Brilique were \$9 million in the quarter, chiefly on sales in Germany and some Emerging Markets. In Germany, in the 79 percent of target hospitals where Brilique is on protocol, Brilique has now replaced clopidogrel to become the leading product for initial therapy for new ACS patients, with a market share of 77 percent. There were no reported sales in the US, as initial launch stocks in trade channels are still being worked down; we continue to make steady progress in terms of formulary access, protocol adoption and product penetration rates by interventional cardiologists.

Respiratory and Inflammation

Symbicort sales in the US were \$217 million, a 10 percent increase over the first quarter last year. Total prescriptions for Symbicort were up 11 percent compared to a 1 percent decline in the market for fixed combination products. Symbicort share of new prescriptions for fixed combination products reached 20.8 percent in March 2012, up 0.5 percentage points since December 2011. Market share of patients newly starting combination therapy was 18.8 percent.

Symbicort sales in other markets in the first quarter were \$506 million, down 7 percent. More than 60 percent of the revenue decline is due to a decrease in Japan (down 59 percent) as a result of destocking by our marketing partner; underlying demand growth remains well above the combination product market growth in Japan. Sales in

ern Europe were down 4 percent. Sales in Emerging Markets were down 1 percent.

ales of Pulmicort were down 28 percent in the first quarter to \$56 million. Sales in the Rest of World were up percent, driven by a 49 percent increase in China, which more than offset declines in Western and Emerging pe.

Arimidex sales in the US were \$7 million in the first quarter. Arimidex sales in the Rest of World were down 36 percent to \$137 million. Sales in Western Europe were down 64 percent to \$37 million, reflecting the loss of activity from February 2011. Sales in Japan were 8 percent below last year. Sales in Emerging Markets were down 14 percent.

Sales for Casodex in the first quarter were down 17 percent to \$113 million, all outside of the US. More than 60 percent of revenue is in Japan, where sales were down 13 percent in the quarter. Sales were down 39 percent in Western Europe. Sales in Emerging Markets were down 4 percent.

Sales for Seroquel XR in the first quarter were up 17 percent to \$143 million, with a 42 percent increase in Western Europe accounting for more than half of the growth in the quarter. Sales in Japan were down 2 percent. Sales in Emerging Markets were up 18 percent.

Sales for Arimidex in the US were up 16 percent, reaching \$72 million. Sales in the Rest of World were up 33 percent to \$199 million. The new 500mg dosage regimen has now been widely adopted in many markets, so future growth is increasingly being driven by stronger patient demand rather than dosage upgrade.

Revenue

In the US, Seroquel franchise sales were down 20 percent to \$741 million. In line with the Company's established policy when generic competitors are launched, a returns reserve of \$223 million was taken against the estimated inventories for Seroquel IR following the launch of generic quetiapine IR at the end of March. Were it not for the reserve, Seroquel franchise sales would have increased by 4 percent. Sales of Seroquel XR in the US were up 3 percent to \$199 million. Total prescriptions for Seroquel XR were up 3 percent, which compares favourably to a 10 percent decline for the US atypical antipsychotic market.

Seroquel franchise sales in the Rest of World were down 3 percent to \$397 million in the quarter. Sales of Seroquel XR were down 16 percent to \$212 million. Seroquel XR sales were up 16 percent to \$185 million. Sales of Seroquel XR were up 15 percent in Western Europe, including a contribution from the launch in France. Seroquel XR sales were up 15 percent in Established ROW and were up 18 percent in Emerging Markets.

Sales for Zomig in the US were down 87 percent to \$5 million, a result of the licensing of US commercial rights for Zomig to Impax Laboratories. Commercial contribution from Zomig in the US is now realised in other income, rather than in revenue. Sales in the Rest of World were down 21 percent to \$49 million in the quarter.

Sales for Vimovo in the US accounted for \$9 million of the total \$16 million sales for Vimovo in the first quarter. ROW sales were \$7 million.

and Other

Sales for Synagis in the US were up 3 percent to \$302 million. Synagis revenue for the 2011/12 RSV season is significantly down compared with the prior period season; a later RSV season start due to seasonal virology patterns has shifted some volume from the fourth quarter 2011 into the first quarter 2012. Outside the US, Synagis sales were down 27 percent to \$82 million, reflecting the quarterly phasing of shipments to Abbot, our international distributor.

of Merrem were down 40 percent to \$100 million as a result of generic competition in many markets.

Revenue

| | First Quarter | | % Change | |
|----------------------|---------------|-------------|----------|-----|
| | 2012 \$m | 2011 \$m | Actual | CER |
| | 2,920 | 3,304 | -12 | -12 |
| Europe1 | 1,775 | 2,235 | -21 | -19 |
| Developed ROW2 | 1,238 | 1,321 | -6 | -9 |
| | 377 | 417 | -10 | -8 |
| | 598 | 631 | -5 | -10 |
| Established ROW | 263 | 273 | -4 | -8 |
| Growing ROW3 | 1,416 | 1,432 | -1 | +1 |
| Growing Europe | 294 | 320 | -8 | -2 |
| | 380 | 322 | +18 | +13 |
| Growing Asia Pacific | 233 | 242 | -4 | -2 |
| Emerging ROW | 509 | 548 | -7 | -3 |
| | 7,349 | 8,292 | -11 | -11 |

1 Europe comprises France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Spain, UK and others.

2 Developed ROW comprises Canada, Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

3 Growing ROW comprises Brazil, China, India, Mexico, Russia, Turkey and all other ROW countries

In the US, revenue was down 12 percent, with the inventory reserve for Seroquel IR accounting for \$223 million of the \$384 million decline in revenue. The pricing impact of US healthcare reform measures amounted to \$205 million in the quarter. There was good growth for ONGLYZATM, Seroquel XR and Symbicort, but this was more than offset by a decline for Nexium, generic erosion on Toprol-XL, Arimidex and Merrem, the movement of Zomig from operating to other income, the disposal of Astra Tech and the ongoing disposal of the Aptium business.

Revenue in Western Europe was down 19 percent, with generic competition for Nexium, Arimidex and Merrem accounting for nearly 60 percent of the revenue decline. Sales growth was achieved for Seroquel XR, Crestor, Crestor and ONGLYZATM.

Revenue in Established ROW was down 9 percent. Revenue in Japan was down 10 percent, reflecting destocking and the biennial price reductions and the quarterly phasing of shipments of Crestor and Symbicort to existing partners. Revenue in Canada was down 8 percent, chiefly due to generic competition for Nexium and Crestor.

Revenue in Emerging Markets was up 1 percent, driven by the 13 percent increase in China. The weak first quarter revenue performance was expected, with difficult year on year comparisons for Brazil, Turkey and Mexico. There has been generic competition for Crestor and Seroquel IR in Brazil. Government interventions in price have impacted revenue in Turkey. Performance in Mexico reflects challenging market conditions. The Company anticipates revenue in Emerging Markets to rebound in the remaining quarters, but achieving double-digit growth in the full year may be a challenge.

| Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income | | |
|--|---------|---------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Quarter ended 31 March | \$m | \$m |
| Sales | 7,349 | 8,292 |
| Cost of sales | (1,375) | (1,339) |
| Gross profit | 5,974 | 6,953 |
| Operating costs | (76) | (80) |
| Research and development | (1,530) | (1,162) |
| General and administrative costs | (2,461) | (2,508) |
| Operating income and expense | 253 | 198 |
| Finance profit | 2,160 | 3,401 |
| Finance income | 132 | 137 |
| Finance expense | (239) | (250) |
| Income before tax | 2,053 | 3,288 |
| Income tax expense | (411) | (373) |
| Income for the period | 1,642 | 2,915 |
| Other comprehensive income: | | |
| Foreign exchange arising on consolidation | 121 | 208 |
| Foreign exchange differences on borrowings forming net investment hedges | (50) | (92) |
| Available for sale gains taken to equity | 18 | 11 |
| Net gain/(loss) for the period | 74 | (18) |
| Tax relating to components of other comprehensive income | (46) | 27 |
| Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax | 117 | 136 |
| Other comprehensive income for the period | 1,759 | 3,051 |
| Income attributable to: | | |
| Shareholders of the parent | 1,640 | 2,907 |
| Non-controlling interests | 2 | 8 |
| Other comprehensive income attributable to: | | |
| Shareholders of the parent | 1,767 | 3,045 |
| Non-controlling interests | (8) | 6 |
| Other comprehensive income attributable to: | 1,759 | 3,051 |
| Earnings per \$0.25 Ordinary Share | \$1.28 | \$2.08 |
| Adjusted earnings per \$0.25 Ordinary Share | \$1.28 | \$2.07 |
| Weighted average number of Ordinary Shares in issue (millions) | 1,281 | 1,397 |
| Adjusted weighted average number of Ordinary Shares in issue (millions) | 1,285 | 1,404 |

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

| | At 31 Mar 2012 \$m | At 31 Dec 2011 \$m | At 31 Mar 2011 \$m |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Current assets | | | |
| Plant and equipment | 6,335 | 6,425 | 7,062 |
| Intangible assets | 9,871 | 9,862 | 9,890 |
| Investment assets | 11,027 | 10,980 | 12,232 |
| Other financial instruments | 326 | 342 | 292 |
| Investments | 204 | 201 | 212 |
| Tax assets | 1,440 | 1,514 | 1,379 |
| | 29,203 | 29,324 | 31,067 |
| Non-current assets | | | |
| Receivables | 2,040 | 1,852 | 1,897 |
| Trade and other receivables | 8,511 | 8,754 | 8,493 |
| Investments | 3,637 | 4,248 | 1,199 |
| Other financial instruments | 31 | 25 | 7 |
| Tax receivable | 1,009 | 1,056 | 2,289 |
| Cash equivalents | 6,332 | 7,571 | 9,582 |
| | 21,560 | 23,506 | 23,467 |
| Assets | 50,763 | 52,830 | 54,534 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Bearing loans and borrowings | (2,006) | (1,990) | (435) |
| Trade and other payables | (8,945) | (8,975) | (8,672) |
| Other financial instruments | - | (9) | - |
| Provisions | (1,683) | (1,388) | (1,151) |
| Tax payable | (3,166) | (3,390) | (5,758) |
| | (15,800) | (15,752) | (16,016) |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Bearing loans and borrowings | (7,377) | (7,338) | (9,159) |
| Tax liabilities | (2,671) | (2,735) | (3,168) |
| Pension benefit obligations | (2,191) | (2,674) | (2,573) |
| Provisions | (496) | (474) | (699) |
| Payables | (507) | (385) | (372) |
| | (13,242) | (13,606) | (15,971) |
| Non-current liabilities | (29,042) | (29,358) | (31,987) |
| Liabilities | 21,721 | 23,472 | 22,547 |
| Equity | | | |
| Reserves attributable to equity holders of the Company | | | |
| Share capital | 318 | 323 | 346 |
| Reserve premium account | 3,220 | 3,078 | 2,761 |
| Reserves | 1,952 | 1,951 | 1,910 |
| Earnings | 16,026 | 17,894 | 17,332 |
| | 21,516 | 23,246 | 22,349 |
| Controlling interests | 205 | 226 | 198 |
| Equity | 21,721 | 23,472 | 22,547 |

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|--|---------|---------|
| Quarter ended 31 March | \$m | \$m |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| before taxation | 2,053 | 3,288 |
| Income and expense | 107 | 113 |
| Depreciation, amortisation and impairment | 499 | 526 |
| Change/(increase) in working capital and short-term provisions | 364 | (864) |
| Other movements | (484) | (130) |
| Cash generated from operations | 2,539 | 2,933 |
| Cash paid | (248) | (241) |
| | (751) | (802) |
| Cash inflow from operating activities | 1,540 | 1,890 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | |
| Change in short-term investments and fixed deposits | 651 | 317 |
| Disposal of property, plant and equipment | (122) | (161) |
| Acquisition of property, plant and equipment | 125 | 24 |
| Disposal of intangible assets | (80) | (110) |
| Disposal of non-current asset investments | (2) | (1) |
| Dividends received | 41 | 46 |
| Dividends made by subsidiaries to non-controlling interests | (20) | (15) |
| Cash inflow from investing activities | 593 | 100 |
| Cash inflow before financing activities | 2,133 | 1,990 |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | |
| Proceeds from issue of share capital | 143 | 90 |
| Repurchase of shares for cancellation | (1,055) | (1,301) |
| Dividends paid | (2,505) | (2,646) |
| Dividends payable relating to dividend payments | 13 | 41 |
| Change in short-term borrowings | (34) | 9 |
| Cash outflow from financing activities | (3,438) | (3,807) |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents in the period | (1,305) | (1,817) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period | 7,434 | 10,981 |
| Foreign exchange rate effects | 14 | 30 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period | 6,143 | 9,194 |
| Cash and cash equivalents consists of: | | |
| Cash | 6,332 | 9,582 |
| Short-term investments | (189) | (388) |
| | 6,143 | 9,194 |

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

| | Share capital \$m | Share premium account \$m | Other* reserves \$m | Retained earnings \$m | Total \$m | Non- controlling interests \$m | Total equity \$m |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|---|------------------------|
| January 2011 | 352 | 2,672 | 1,917 | 18,272 | 23,213 | 197 | 23,410 |
| Change for the period | - | - | - | 2,907 | 2,907 | 8 | 2,915 |
| Comprehensive income | - | - | - | 138 | 138 | (2) | 136 |
| Transfer to other reserve | - | - | (14) | 14 | - | - | - |
| Transactions with owners: | | | | | | | |
| Dividends | - | - | - | (2,594) | (2,594) | - | (2,594) |
| Issuance of Ordinary Shares | 1 | 89 | - | - | 90 | - | 90 |
| Repurchase of Ordinary Shares | (7) | - | 7 | (1,301) | (1,301) | - | (1,301) |
| Share-based payments | - | - | - | (104) | (104) | - | (104) |
| Transfer from non-controlling interests to payables | - | - | - | - | - | (2) | (2) |
| Dividend paid to non-controlling interests | - | - | - | - | - | (3) | (3) |
| Net change | (6) | 89 | (7) | (940) | (864) | 1 | (863) |
| March 2011 | 346 | 2,761 | 1,910 | 17,332 | 22,349 | 198 | 22,547 |
| | Share capital \$m | Share premium account \$m | Other* reserves \$m | Retained earnings \$m | Total \$m | Non- controlling interests \$m | Total equity \$m |
| January 2012 | 323 | 3,078 | 1,951 | 17,894 | 23,246 | 226 | 23,472 |
| Change for the period | - | - | - | 1,640 | 1,640 | 2 | 1,642 |
| Comprehensive income | - | - | - | 127 | 127 | (10) | 117 |
| Transfer to other reserve | - | - | (5) | 5 | - | - | - |
| Transactions with owners: | | | | | | | |
| Dividends | - | - | - | (2,495) | (2,495) | - | (2,495) |
| Issuance of Ordinary Shares | 1 | 142 | - | - | 143 | - | 143 |
| Repurchase of Ordinary Shares | (6) | - | 6 | (1,055) | (1,055) | - | (1,055) |
| Share-based payments | - | - | - | (90) | (90) | - | (90) |
| Transfer from non-controlling interests to payables | - | - | - | - | - | (2) | (2) |
| Dividend paid to non-controlling interests | - | - | - | - | - | (11) | (11) |
| Net change | (5) | 142 | 1 | (1,868) | (1,730) | (21) | (1,751) |
| March 2012 | 318 | 3,220 | 1,952 | 16,026 | 21,516 | 205 | 21,721 |

*Reserves includes the capital redemption reserve and the merger reserve.

the Interim Financial Statements

BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

audited condensed consolidated interim financial statements (“interim financial statements”) for the quarter ended 31 March have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting as adopted by the European Union and as issued by International Accounting Standards Board. These interim financial statements have been prepared using the same accounting and methods of computation as followed in the most recent annual financial statements. Details of the accounting policies are those set out in AstraZeneca PLC’s Annual Report and Form 20-F Information 2011.

Group has considerable financial resources available. The Group’s revenues are largely derived from sales of products which are protected by patents and for which, historically at least, demand has been relatively unaffected by changes in the general economy. As a consequence, the Directors believe that the Group is well placed to manage its business risks successfully and as such, the interim financial statements have been prepared on a Going Concern basis.

Information contained in Note 4 updates the disclosures concerning legal proceedings and contingent liabilities in the Group’s Annual Report and Form 20-F Information 2011.

Comparative figures for the financial year ended 31 December 2011 are not the Company’s statutory accounts for that financial year. Those accounts have been reported on by the Group’s auditors and delivered to the registrar of companies. The report of the auditors was (i) unqualified, (ii) did not include a reference to any matters to which the auditors drew attention by way of emphasis or qualification, and (iii) did not contain a statement under section 498(2) or (3) of the Companies Act 2006.

NET FUNDS

The table below provides an analysis of net funds and a reconciliation of net cash flow to the movement in net funds.

| | At 1 Jan 2012 \$m | Cash flow \$m | Non-cash mvmts \$m | Exchange mvmts \$m | At 31 Mar 2012 \$m |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Net funds after one year | (7,338) | - | 10 | (49) | (7,377) |
| Repayments of instalments of loan | (1,769) | - | 5 | - | (1,764) |
| Dividends | (9,107) | - | 15 | (49) | (9,141) |
| Investments - current | 4,248 | (651) | 19 | 21 | 3,637 |
| Acquisition of derivative financial instruments | 358 | (13) | 12 | - | 357 |
| Change in cash equivalents | 7,571 | (1,254) | - | 15 | 6,332 |
| Other adjustments | (137) | (51) | - | (1) | (189) |
| Net movements from borrowings | (84) | 34 | - | (3) | (53) |
| | 11,956 | (1,935) | 31 | 32 | 10,084 |
| Net funds at start of period | 2,849 | (1,935) | 46 | (17) | 943 |

Net movements in the period include fair value adjustments under IAS 39.

RESTRUCTURING COSTS

Income tax for the quarter ended 31 March 2012 is stated after charging restructuring costs of \$702 million (\$143 million for the quarter 2011). These have been charged to profit as follows:

| | 1st Quarter 2012 \$m | 1st Quarter 2011 \$m |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sales | 55 | 12 |
| and development | 445 | 90 |
| general and administrative costs | 202 | 41 |
| | 702 | 143 |

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Zeneca is involved in various legal proceedings considered typical to its business, including litigation and investigations relating to product liability, commercial disputes, infringement of intellectual property rights, the validity of certain patents, anti-trust law and unfair marketing practices. The matters discussed below constitute the more significant developments since publication of the disclosures concerning legal proceedings in the Company's Annual Report and Form 20-F Information 2011 (the "2011 Disclosures"). Except as noted otherwise below or in the 2011 Disclosures, no provisions have been established in respect of the claims discussed

discussed in the 2011 Disclosures, for the majority of claims in which AstraZeneca is involved it is not possible to make a reasonable estimate of the expected financial effect, if any, that will result from ultimate resolution of the proceedings. In these cases, AstraZeneca discloses information with respect only to the nature and facts of the cases but no provision is made.

for cases that have been settled or adjudicated, or where quantifiable fines and penalties have been assessed and which are not subject to a fine, or where a loss is probable and we are able to make a reasonable estimate of the loss, we record the loss absorbed or make a provision for our best estimate of the expected loss.

Estimates could change over time and the estimates that we have made and upon which we have relied in calculating these provisions are inherently imprecise. There can, therefore, be no assurance that any losses that result from the outcome of any legal proceedings will not exceed the amount of the provisions that have been booked in the accounts. The major factors causing this uncertainty are described more fully in the 2011 Disclosures and herein.

AstraZeneca has full confidence in, and will vigorously defend and enforce, its intellectual property.

disclosed in respect of the first quarter of 2012 and April 2012

Regulatory litigation

Arimidex (anastrozole)

Proceedings outside the US

In February 2012, the Canadian Federal Court of Appeal dismissed Mylan Pharmaceuticals ULC's appeal against a decision prohibiting the Canadian Minister of Health from issuing it with a marketing authorisation.

Atacand Plus (candesartan cilexetil/hydrochlorothiazide)

Proceedings outside the US

In February 2012, AstraZeneca settled notice of compliance proceedings with Cobalt Pharmaceuticals Inc., allowing that company to enter the Canadian market on 23 September 2012, or earlier, in certain circumstances.

Crestor (rosuvastatin calcium)

Proceedings in the US

In February 2012, the Federal Circuit affirmed the District Court's dismissal of AstraZeneca's patent infringement actions regarding two Crestor off-use patents for Crestor on pleading and ripeness grounds. AstraZeneca reserves the right to re-file the lawsuits at a later date.

Proceedings outside the US

In February 2012, AstraZeneca reached settlement with Pharmascience Inc. (PMS) resolving the litigation regarding AstraZeneca's Crestor substance patent and, as part of the agreement, PMS may enter the Canadian market on 2 April 2012, or earlier, in certain circumstances.

ary 2012, the Federal Court of Australia dismissed Apotex Pty Ltd's (Apotex) motion to vacate a preliminary injunction preventing it from launching rosuvastatin in Australia. A further motion to vacate by Apotex was heard and denied in March 2012. An order upholding the preliminary injunction was granted in favour of AstraZeneca on 23 March 2012. AstraZeneca's previously granted motions for preliminary injunctions against Watson Pharma Pty Ltd and Ascent Pharma Pty Ltd were granted in March 2012.

EC (budesonide)

proceedings in the US

In 2012, the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit affirmed the US District Court decision that Mylan Pharmaceuticals' generic budesonide product does not infringe AstraZeneca's patent protecting Entocort EC.

In early 2012, AstraZeneca received a notice letter from Santarus, Inc. (Santarus) stating that it had submitted a new drug application under §505(b)(2) for FDA approval to market a budesonide product. Santarus alleges non-infringement of a patent listed in the Orange Book in reference to Entocort EC. AstraZeneca is reviewing Santarus' notice.

(esomeprazole magnesium)

proceedings in the US

In 2012, AstraZeneca entered into an agreement with Hetero Drugs Ltd, Unit III and Hetero USA Inc. (together, Hetero) settling AstraZeneca's patent infringement action against those entities. As part of the settlement, Hetero was granted a licence to enter the US market with generic esomeprazole magnesium on 27 May 2014, subject to regulatory approval, or earlier, in certain circumstances.

ary 2012, AstraZeneca received a Paragraph IV notice letter from Mylan Laboratories Ltd. (Mylan). In March 2012, AstraZeneca commenced a patent infringement action against Mylan in the US District Court for the District of New Jersey.

proceedings outside the US

In March 2012, AstraZeneca discontinued its previously disclosed notice of compliance proceeding pending with Mylan Pharmaceuticals ULC (Mylan) with respect to Canadian Nexium substance patent number 2.290.963 after Mylan withdrew its notice of compliance proceeding.

(quetiapine fumarate) and Seroquel XR (quetiapine fumarate)

regulatory proceedings

In March 2012, AstraZeneca filed a lawsuit against the FDA in the US District Court for the District of Columbia to overturn the March 2012 denial of Citizen Petitions that asked the FDA to withhold final approval of any generic quetiapine that omits certain hyperglycemia and suicidality warning language that the FDA required AstraZeneca to include in the labeling of Seroquel and Seroquel XR. In the lawsuit, AstraZeneca sought to enjoin the FDA from finally approving any generic quetiapine until 2 December 2012 when regulatory exclusivity expires for certain clinical trial data associated with the hyperglycemia warning language, or, alternatively, at least until a federal court had reviewed any FDA decision to finally approve generic quetiapine. In March 2012, the District Court denied the preliminary injunction and dismissed the lawsuit without prejudice, and without a decision on the merits, on the basis that filing the lawsuit prior to final FDA approval was premature. On 28 March 2012, in response to being notified by the FDA that generic versions of quetiapine had been finally approved, AstraZeneca filed a new lawsuit in the US District Court for the District of Columbia seeking a temporary restraining order (TRO) to vacate these approvals, and to prevent any further approvals of generic quetiapine. The Court denied the request for a TRO and ordered expedited briefing on the matter to proceed.

Seroquel XR (quetiapine fumarate)

proceedings in the US

In January 2012, the US District Court for the District of New Jersey dismissed the patent infringement action against AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals Corp. and Intellipharmaceuticals International Inc. (together, Intellipharmaceuticals) for lack of personal jurisdiction. The patent infringement action against Intellipharmaceuticals is now pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

As previously reported, in October 2011, the US District Court for the District of New Jersey conducted a trial in the patent infringement actions involving the Seroquel XR formulation patent against certain generic drug manufacturers. In March 2012, the Court found the Seroquel XR formulation patent to be valid. The Court also found that Anchen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Osmotica Corporation, Torrent Pharmaceuticals Limited, Torrent Pharma Inc., Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc. and Mylan Inc. have infringed the Seroquel XR formulation patent. The decision has been appealed.

proceedings outside the US

In the Netherlands, in March 2012, the District Court in the Hague upheld the validity of the formulation patent protecting Seroquel XR.

In the UK, in March 2012, the UK High Court found the Seroquel XR formulation patent invalid.

Legal proceedings regarding the validity of the Seroquel XR formulation patent has been held in Spain and a decision is pending.

Generic versions of Seroquel XR have been launched in Germany, Austria and Denmark. AstraZeneca has confidence in the patent protecting Seroquel XR and will continue to take appropriate legal action. While AstraZeneca continues to have confidence in the intellectual property protecting Seroquel XR, additional generic launches and adverse Court rulings are possible.

liability litigation

(rosuvastatin calcium)

AstraZeneca is defending five lawsuits involving a total of 115 plaintiffs claiming injury from treatment with Crestor. The lawsuits were filed in March 2012 in California state courts. The lawsuits allege multiple types of injuries including diabetes mellitus, various other injuries, rhabdomyolysis, and various liver and kidney injuries. AstraZeneca intends to defend the claims vigorously. Six lawsuits were previously filed in San Francisco County in 2011 for similar injuries allegedly caused by Crestor, but these cases have been resolved or dismissed.

Commercial litigation

(palivizumab)

In November 2011, AstraZeneca's biologics arm, MedImmune, filed an action against Abbott International, LLC (Abbott) in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, seeking a declaratory judgment in a contract dispute. Abbott's motion to dismiss was granted. In September 2011, Abbott filed a parallel action against MedImmune in the Illinois State Court. Abbott's motion to hold the funds in escrow was rejected. In February 2012, the Court denied MedImmune's motion to dismiss and is expected to set a trial date for 2013.

ent subsidy litigation

In 2012, the New England Carpenters Health and Welfare Fund, on behalf of a proposed class of payers that reimbursed payers for Nexium and Crestor prescriptions as to which AstraZeneca subsidised the consumer's co-payment obligation, brought a lawsuit against AstraZeneca in the US District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The complaint seeks unspecified treble damages and costs (including attorneys' fees), as well as an injunction prohibiting AstraZeneca from offering its co-payment subsidy programmes. Similar claims have been filed in other federal courts against seven other manufacturers with respect to their respective co-payment subsidy programmes.

ent investigations/proceedings

(esomeprazole magnesium)

The European Commission has closed its investigation into alleged practices regarding Nexium and alleged breaches of EU competition laws.

(quetiapine fumarate)

In 2012, AstraZeneca reached an agreement in principle to settle the claims of the Montana State Attorney General regarding alleged false and/or misleading statements made by AstraZeneca in the marketing and promotion of Seroquel, and a provision has been made for the settlement.

entral Bureau of Investigation

In February 2012, a criminal First Information Request (FIR) was filed by the Indian Central Bureau of Investigation against AstraZeneca and public officials of the Central Procurement Agency of the Delhi Directorate of Health Services (DHS). The FIR alleges that AstraZeneca submitted a false affidavit in connection with a tender for meropenem with the DHS in which AstraZeneca quoted prices that were not higher than the rates quoted to other governmental, semi-governmental, autonomous or public hospitals, institutions or organisations, while, the FIR alleges, AstraZeneca sold the same medicine at a lower rate to another entity, resulting in a loss to the DHS. It is further alleged in the FIR that unspecified officers of the DHS and AstraZeneca allegedly sought to cancel the DHS recovery proceedings to recover any overpayment through the issuance of a "Show Cause Notice". AstraZeneca is evaluating the allegations.

FIRST QUARTER PRODUCT REVENUE ANALYSIS

| | World | | | US | | Western Europe | | | Established ROW | | Emerging ROW | | |
|-------------|---------|----------|--------|---------|--------|----------------|----------|--------|-----------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------|
| | 1st | Constant | | 1st | | 1st | Constant | | 1st | Constant | 1st | Constant | |
| | Quarter | Currency | Growth | Quarter | Growth | Quarter | Currency | Growth | Quarter | Currency | Quarter | Currency | Growth |
| | 2012 | \$m | % | 2012 | % | 2012 | \$m | % | 2012 | \$m | 2012 | \$m | % |
| Restinal: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 953 | (18) | (18) | 535 | (11) | 121 | (54) | (53) | 121 | (12) | 176 | - | 2 |
| ilosec | 170 | (28) | (29) | 8 | (38) | 44 | (30) | (29) | 72 | (25) | 46 | (27) | (29) |
| | 52 | 33 | 33 | 38 | 52 | 10 | (9) | (9) | 1 | -- | 3 | 50 | 50 |
| Restinal | 1,175 | (18) | (18) | 581 | (9) | 175 | (48) | (47) | 194 | (114) | 225 | (7) | (5) |
| ascular: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1,500 | 1 | 2 | 682 | - | 297 | 3 | 5 | 363 | 53 | 158 | (2) | 1 |
| | 317 | (11) | (9) | 40 | (13) | 169 | (2) | - | 39 | (36) | 69 | (9) | (5) |
| Toprol-XL | 224 | (9) | (8) | 73 | (28) | 16 | (20) | (20) | 8 | (11) | 127 | 10 | 12 |
| n | 57 | (10) | (10) | 3 | - | 13 | (13) | (13) | 25 | (120) | 16 | 7 | 13 |
| | 73 | 7 | 4 | 1 | - | 5 | (17) | (17) | 3 | -- | 64 | 10 | 7 |
| ZATM | 72 | 106 | 106 | 54 | 108 | 11 | 83 | 83 | 2 | 100 | 5 | 150 | 150 |
| Brilique | 9 | n/m | n/m | - | - | 6 | n/m | n/m | - | -- | 3 | n/m | n/m |
| | 84 | (11) | (10) | 2 | (33) | 41 | (11) | (11) | 8 | (20) | 33 | (6) | (3) |
| ascular | 2,336 | - | - | 855 | (1) | 558 | 1 | 2 | 448 | (65) | 475 | 3 | 5 |
| ory: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| rt | 723 | (4) | (3) | 217 | 10 | 326 | (6) | (4) | 72 | (245) | 108 | (5) | (1) |
| t | 227 | (8) | (8) | 56 | (28) | 45 | (17) | (15) | 29 | (3) | 97 | 11 | 11 |
| t | 44 | (20) | (20) | 16 | (33) | 8 | (11) | (11) | 3 | (255) | 17 | (6) | (6) |
| | 48 | (13) | (11) | 3 | 50 | 24 | (8) | (8) | 4 | (33) | 17 | (19) | (14) |
| spiratory | 1,042 | (6) | (5) | 292 | (3) | 403 | (7) | (6) | 108 | (19) | 239 | - | 2 |
| y: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 273 | (1) | (1) | 6 | (50) | 58 | (8) | (6) | 105 | (15) | 104 | 17 | 21 |
| | 144 | (38) | (39) | 7 | (63) | 37 | (65) | (64) | 68 | (47) | 32 | (14) | (14) |
| | 143 | 18 | 17 | - | (100) | 36 | 38 | 42 | 46 | 72 | 61 | 20 | 18 |
| | 113 | (15) | (17) | - | (100) | 14 | (39) | (39) | 73 | (114) | 26 | (4) | (4) |
| | 151 | 23 | 24 | 72 | 16 | 45 | 7 | 10 | 10 | n/m | 24 | 26 | 32 |
| | 29 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 200 | 3 | 50 | 50 | 13 | (174) | 7 | (22) | (11) |
| ecology | 853 | (6) | (7) | 91 | (7) | 193 | (26) | (25) | 315 | (26) | 254 | 9 | 12 |
| ence: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IR | 754 | (25) | (25) | 542 | (28) | 113 | (17) | (15) | 56 | (4) | 43 | (31) | (29) |
| XR | 384 | 13 | 14 | 199 | 13 | 124 | 13 | 15 | 23 | 155 | 38 | 15 | 18 |
| naesthetics | 132 | (11) | (11) | - | (100) | 55 | (13) | (11) | 47 | 4- | 30 | (17) | (14) |
| | 54 | (47) | (47) | 5 | (87) | 34 | (17) | (15) | 13 | (24) | 2 | (50) | (75) |
| | 66 | (6) | (6) | - | (100) | 10 | (17) | (17) | 18 | (149) | 38 | 23 | 26 |
| | 16 | 300 | 300 | 9 | 200 | 4 | n/m | n/m | 3 | n/m | - | - | - |
| | 6 | (40) | (40) | - | - | 3 | (50) | (50) | - | (100) | 3 | - | - |
| uroscience | 1,412 | (16) | (16) | 755 | (23) | 343 | (7) | (5) | 160 | (3) | 154 | (9) | (8) |
| & Other: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 384 | (6) | (6) | 302 | 3 | 82 | (27) | (27) | - | -- | - | - | - |

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| | 100 | (42) | (40) | 9 | (44) | 19 | (68) | (68) | 8 | (43) | 64 | (22) | (18) |
| | 2 | (33) | (33) | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | -- | - | - | - |
| | 16 | (60) | (60) | 4 | (89) | 2 | (33) | 33 | 5 | (13) | 5 | 100 | 67 |
| ection & | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 502 | (19) | (19) | 317 | (7) | 103 | (41) | (40) | 13 | (35) | 69 | (21) | (18) |
| Oncology | 29 | (45) | (45) | 29 | (45) | - | - | - | - | -- | - | - | - |
| ch | - | (100) | (100) | - | (100) | - | (100) | (100) | - | (100) | - | - | - |
| | 7,349 | (11) | (11) | 2,920 | (12) | 1,775 | (21) | (19) | 1,238 | (9) | 1,416 | (1) | 1 |

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Among other things, to utilise the 'safe harbour' provisions of the US Private Securities Litigation Reform Act 1995, we are including the following cautionary statement: The interim financial statements contain certain forward-looking statements with respect to operations, performance and financial condition of the Group. Although we believe our expectations are based on reasonable assumptions, any forward-looking statements, by their very nature, involve risks and uncertainties and may be influenced by factors that could cause actual outcomes and results to be materially different from those predicted. The forward-looking statements reflect our current expectations and information available at the date of preparation of the preliminary announcement and AstraZeneca undertakes no obligation to update these forward-looking statements. We identify the forward-looking statements by using the words 'anticipates', 'expects', 'intends' and similar expressions in such statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ from those contained in forward-looking statements, certain of which are beyond our control, include, among other things: the risk of expiration of patents, marketing exclusivity or trademarks, or the risk of failure to obtain patent protection; the risk of material adverse litigation/government investigation claims and insufficient insurance coverage; exchange rate fluctuations; the risk that our pipeline will not yield new products that achieve commercial success; the risk that strategic alliances and acquisitions will be unsuccessful; the impact of competition, price controls and price reductions; taxation risks; the risk of substantial product liability claims; the impact of any failure by third parties to supply materials or services; the risk of failure to manage a crisis; the risk of delay in product launches; the difficulties of obtaining and maintaining regulatory approvals for products; the risk of failure to observe regulatory oversight; the risk that new products do not perform as we expect; the risk of environmental liabilities; the risks associated with conducting business in emerging markets; the risk of reputational damage; the risk of product counterfeiting; the risk of failure to successfully implement planned cost reduction measures through productivity initiatives and restructuring programmes; the risk that regulatory approval processes for biosimilars could have an adverse effect on future commercial prospects; and the impact of the implementation and enforcement of more stringent anti-bribery and anti-corruption legislation.

DAVID BRENNAN TO RETIRE AS ASTRAZENECA'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AstraZeneca today announced that Chief Executive Officer and Board member, David Brennan has decided to retire.

Following David's decision, the Board has asked Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer Simon Lowth to act as interim Chief Executive Officer from 1 June 2012 until a permanent successor is in place. Julie Brown, Vice President Group Finance, will become Chief Financial Officer on the same date. David Brennan will retire from AstraZeneca and relinquish his Board responsibilities effective 1 June 2012.

AstraZeneca also announced today that Leif Johansson will succeed Louis Schweitzer as Non-Executive Chairman on 1 June 2012 – six months earlier than previously announced – and will become Chairman of the Nomination and Governance Committee after the Annual General Meeting. This will enable Leif to lead the selection process for David Brennan's successor including both internal and external candidates. Leif Johansson's appointment to the AstraZeneca Board is subject to approval by shareholders at the company's Annual General Meeting.

David Brennan said: "After more than six years as Chief Executive Officer of this great company I have decided that now is the right time to step down and allow a new leader to take the reins. The Board's decision to appoint Simon Lowth as interim Chief Executive Officer has my full support and I am confident that AstraZeneca will continue to have a positive impact on the lives of patients around the world and by doing so will deliver real value to our shareholders."

Louis Schweitzer, Chairman of AstraZeneca said: "David has led AstraZeneca's business with skill, integrity and courage during a period of enormous change for the pharmaceutical industry and for the company. We fully understand and respect David's decision to retire and thank him for his selfless leadership of the company."

Commenting on the appointment of Simon Lowth as interim Chief Executive Officer, Louis Schweitzer said: "I know we can count on Simon's leadership, supported by a strong and experienced Senior Executive Team, to maintain focus and momentum as the Board oversees a smooth transition to a new chief executive over the coming months."

David Brennan was appointed to his current role in January 2006 and is one of the longest serving chief executives in the pharmaceutical sector.

FOR EDITORS

AstraZeneca Board changes

As previously announced, following Michele Hooper's retirement from the Board and effective today, John Varley is appointed senior independent Non-Executive Director and Rudy Markham is appointed Chairman of the Audit Committee.

to their election by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting, Geneviève Berger and Graham Chipchase will join the Board of Executive Directors effective today. They will also become members of the Science Committee and the Audit Committee respectively.

AstraZeneca

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : 26 APRIL 2012

ca PLC announced the results of the voting at its Annual General Meeting today. As proposed in the Notice of AGM, all
ons were decided by poll vote.

on 1: Ordinary Resolution to receive the Company's Accounts and the Reports of the Directors and Auditor for the year ended
mber 2011:

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| FOR: | 853,786,587 (97.89%) |
| AGAINST: | 18,427,136 (2.11%) |

olution was passed as an Ordinary Resolution.

on 2: Ordinary Resolution to confirm dividends:

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| FOR: | 872,290,344 (99.99%) |
| AGAINST: | 94,349 (0.01%) |

olution was passed as an Ordinary Resolution.

on 3: Ordinary Resolution to re-appoint KPMG Audit Plc, London as Auditor:

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| FOR: | 855,745,825 (99.07%) |
| AGAINST: | 8,001,343 (0.93%) |

olution was passed as an Ordinary Resolution.

Resolution 4: Ordinary Resolution to authorise the Directors to agree the remuneration of the Auditor:

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| FOR: | 866,203,059 (99.31%) |
| AGAINST: | 6,012,959 (0.69%) |

Resolution was passed as an Ordinary Resolution.

Resolution 5(a): Ordinary Resolution to re-elect Louis Schweitzer as a Director:

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| FOR: | 862,472,092 (98.93%) |
| AGAINST: | 9,362,667 (1.07%) |

Resolution was passed as an Ordinary Resolution.

Resolution 5(b): Ordinary Resolution to re-elect David Brennan as a Director:

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| FOR: | 871,141,919 (99.92%) |
| AGAINST: | 721,478 (0.08%) |

Resolution was passed as an Ordinary Resolution.

Resolution 5(c): Ordinary Resolution to re-elect Simon Lowth as a Director:

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| FOR: | 870,481,611 (99.85%) |
| AGAINST: | 1,304,163 (0.15%) |

Resolution was passed as an Ordinary Resolution.

Resolution 5(d): Ordinary Resolution to elect Geneviève Berger as a Director:

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| FOR: | 870,531,324 (99.83%) |
| AGAINST: | 1,461,465 (0.17%) |

Resolution was passed as an Ordinary Resolution.

on 5(e): Ordinary Resolution to re-elect Bruce Burlington as a Director:

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| FOR: | 871,137,357 (99.93%) |
| AGAINST: | 609,462 (0.07%) |

Resolution was passed as an Ordinary Resolution.

on 5(f): Ordinary Resolution to elect Graham Chipchase as a Director:

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| FOR: | 871,182,671 (99.94%) |
| AGAINST: | 550,412 (0.06%) |

Resolution was passed as an Ordinary Resolution.

on 5(g): Ordinary Resolution to re-elect Jean-Philippe Courtois as a Director:

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| FOR: | 860,787,497 (99.74%) |
| AGAINST: | 2,257,899 (0.26%) |

Resolution was passed as an Ordinary Resolution.

on 5(h): Ordinary Resolution to elect Leif Johansson as a Director:

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| FOR: | 870,705,124 (99.84%) |
| AGAINST: | 1,357,808 (0.16%) |

Resolution was passed as an Ordinary Resolution.

on 5(i): Ordinary Resolution to re-elect Rudy Markham as a Director:

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| FOR: | 843,293,602 (97.69%) |
| AGAINST: | 19,948,800 (2.31%) |

Resolution was passed as an Ordinary Resolution.

Resolution 5(j): Ordinary Resolution to re-elect Dame Nancy Rothwell as a Director:

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| FOR: | 861,560,148 (98.83%) |
| AGAINST: | 10,228,023 (1.17%) |

Resolution was passed as an Ordinary Resolution.

Resolution 5(k): Ordinary Resolution to re-elect Shriti Vadera as a Director:

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| FOR: | 871,015,230 (99.92%) |
| AGAINST: | 739,147 (0.08%) |

Resolution was passed as an Ordinary Resolution.

Resolution 5(l): Ordinary Resolution to re-elect John Varley as a Director:

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| FOR: | 861,380,868 (98.81%) |
| AGAINST: | 10,369,552 (1.19%) |

Resolution was passed as an Ordinary Resolution.

Resolution 5(m): Ordinary Resolution to re-elect Marcus Wallenberg as a Director:

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| FOR: | 818,567,723 (94.92%) |
| AGAINST: | 43,800,968 (5.08%) |

Resolution was passed as an Ordinary Resolution.

Resolution 6: Ordinary Resolution to approve the Directors' Remuneration Report for the year ended 31 December 2011:

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| FOR: | 755,813,183 (91.37%) |
| AGAINST: | 71,362,678 (8.63%) |

Resolution was passed as an Ordinary Resolution.

Resolution 7: Ordinary Resolution to authorise limited EU political donations:

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| FOR: | 838,231,130 (97.29%) |
| AGAINST: | 23,313,258 (2.71%) |

Resolution was passed as an Ordinary Resolution.

Resolution 8: Ordinary Resolution to authorise the Directors to allot shares:

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| FOR: | 808,093,298 (93.42%) |
| AGAINST: | 56,953,521 (6.58%) |

Resolution was passed as an Ordinary Resolution.

Resolution 9: Ordinary Resolution to approve the New SAYE Scheme:

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| FOR: | 856,218,728 (98.24%) |
| AGAINST: | 15,344,000 (1.76%) |

Resolution was passed as an Ordinary Resolution.

Resolution 10: Special Resolution to authorise the Directors to disapply pre-emption rights:

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| FOR: | 858,844,089 (98.66%) |
| AGAINST: | 11,698,730 (1.34%) |

Resolution was passed as a Special Resolution.

Resolution 11: Special Resolution to authorise the Company to purchase its own shares:

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| FOR: | 860,595,117 (99.66%) |
| AGAINST: | 2,915,899 (0.34%) |

Resolution was passed as a Special Resolution.

Item 12: Special Resolution to reduce the notice period for general meetings:

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| FOR: | 761,582,404 (87.36%) |
| AGAINST: | 110,211,068 (12.64%) |

Resolution was passed as a Special Resolution.

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l be 1,270,501,025.

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Transactions by Persons Discharging Managerial Responsibilities
 under Rule DTR 3.1.4

During April 2012 the following Directors of the Company notified us that, on 27 April 2012, they purchased AstraZeneca PLC Shares of \$0.25 each.

| Director | Number of shares purchased | Purchase price | Number of shares held following purchase | Percentage of shares in issue |
|--------------|----------------------------|----------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Mr. Rothwell | 298 | 2652p | 2,130 | 0.0002 |
| Mr. Tiley | 3,700 | 2653p | 5,444 | 0.0004 |

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