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Merger Update

Boots and Alliance UniChem have been informed by advisers to Celesio AG pursuant to the Competition Appeal Tribunal Guide to Proceedings that Celesio AG or one of its subsidiaries (which include Lloyds Pharmacy and AAH Pharmaceuticals) is likely to make an application for review of the OFT's conditional clearance decision of 6 February 2006 in relation to the anticipated acquisition by Boots of Alliance UniChem.

There will be a further announcement if and when an application is made.

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