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Explanatory Note: The following contains a transcript from an interview which aired on CNBC Squawk Box on January 30, 2015. A link to a recording of the interview was included in the below email sent to Actavis employees.

Date: January 30, 2015

To: All Employees

Re: **Actavis Commitment to R&D Featured on CNBC's Squawk Box**

Brent Saunders, CEO and President, highlighted our Company's long-standing commitment to R&D and innovation earlier today on CNBC's *Squawk Box*. In the televised interview, Mr. Saunders also discussed our plans to strengthen this commitment upon the expected close of our combination with Allergan. [Click here](#) to view an excerpt of the interview.

FROM THE CNBC SQUAWK BOX INTERVIEW

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[Host, Andrew Ross Sorkin]: Welcome back to Squawk Box. Pharmaceutical giant Actavis has done over \$100 billion in M&A over the last 12 months alone. Yet, it has had zero inventions. Over the past year, the stock is up over 50%. It just hit an all-time high this week. Actavis CEO Brent Saunders is on the cover of the February 9th issue of Forbes magazine. Do you like that title there? Wall Street's Drug Dealer. And he joins us right now to talk growth, pharma and the future of medicine.

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Let me ask you about that, what I just read, which was \$100 billion in M&A is huge. But then the next part; the zero inventions part. How are we supposed to think about those two pieces?

- [Actavis CEO, Brent Saunders]: I'm not sure that's truly accurate. I mean we have, as a company or legacy companies - whether it be Forest or Actavis - have discovered medicines, um, and have launched many medicines. In fact, we've launched several last year. We're gonna launch five or six this year. We just don't do that basic discovery but innovation is a continuum. And so if we license a very early molecule and we put it into humans, and we do the clinical work, and we get it launched, and we figure out how to make it and scale it up and do all of that work - is that not innovation?
- [Sorkin]: So the interesting question becomes, What should be the model, though? I remember when Valeant - who you were competing with - came on our show. We had discussions after discussions about this idea of no R&D. Don't do any R&D. The R&D should be done effectively by start-ups and you should go buy them. Or you should have larger companies and they're supposed to do the R&D. What's the right answer?
- [Saunders]: I think you have to be committed to R&D and innovation to be successful, long-term, in our industry. However, you have to do things that you have a comparable advantage doing. And so, for us, we didn't have an advantage in discovery. We had plenty of access to early-stage molecules from universities, from ventured-backed companies, and the like. However, as we're completing the acquisition of Allergan, they have some real deep expertise in discovery in neurotoxins and ophthalmology. And we're gonna keep that. In fact, we're gonna have a budget for R&D of about \$1.7 billion this year.
- [Sorkin]: How much do you think about M&A as just a strategy for the company?
- [Saunders]: So it really isn't a strategy for our company.
- [Sorkin]: It isn't?
- [Saunders]: I know we've been acquisitive and you can't argue with that, right?
- [Sorkin]: You're gonna be one of the top ten drug companies in the world as a function of all of these transactions.
- [Saunders]: That is true. But we never planned to do it. So, for example, Allergan was not part of our strategic plan. It was put in play through a hostile situation. And we were opportunistic because it was available and we had relationship and it fit strategically with what we're trying to do and we could get it at a fair price. It wasn't like we were out trying to buy Allergan. It was something that was a remarkable opportunity because it was a company that shouldn't have been for sale. It was such a well-run company with such great people and such great products.
- [Warburg Pincus Partner, Fred Hassan]: It needs to be also said that Brent did a terrific job turning around Bausch & Lomb when it was Warburg Pincus and he got to learn the eye business very well. And if you know the business, then you have more confidence when you make the purchase.
- [Host, Becky Quick]: Can I ask you this though, Fred. I know one of your thoughts is that, in the last ten years, the industry's been operating in turmoil. It's been a very difficult time for any business to be out there. Things are changing and shifting. I just wonder how the two of you think this means changes for this industry.

- [Hassan]: Yeah, so Brent what I was saying was that [in] the last ten years, the return on investment from R&D has not been [unintelligible]. And also the industry has had to go through a lot of difficulties with payers and really some big restructuring issues as well. Overall, SG&A is now down quite a bit. I think about 1000 basis points down. And the industry has restructured. But the big controversy is: Is this a time to invest in R&D, because we have all the sciences coming together and the IT coming together, or is this a time to be more watchful and just opportunistic when things come along?
- [Saunders]: No I think it is a time to invest. However, I do think there is turmoil - as Becky said - in the industry. Mainly because there's over capacity. There's over capacity in the commercial side of the business. There's over capacity in the R&D side of the business. And so kind of basic economics, right? As pressures comes into the system, as the customers consolidate - hospitals, retailers, wholesalers, PBMs consolidate - you're gonna need to take some of that slack capacity out of the market. And so should you have seven or eight drug companies targeting the same molecule and same mechanism of action? Or should you have two or three? And that's how you get me-too drugs, right? And so there's a lot of money that's spent unnecessarily, um, because there's so much capacity in the market.
- [Hassan]: The counter-argument would be that, if you have five or six products, then you have Express Scripts doing a bit of a reverse auction.
- [Host, Joe Kernen]: Andrew wrote a huge piece on the Valeant model vs. the way you're supposed to do things. And I think it was classic Andrew because it was about the social value of what a drug company is intended to do. Is it intended to do roll-ups and cut costs and reward shareholders? Or is it intended to spend a lot of money on research, whether you win or not, because the public good is served down the road from maybe sometimes not the most profitable ventures?
- [Saunders]: Yeah I mean look, I have deep respect for Valeant. They've created tremendous shareholder value. I just don't necessarily agree with that business model. Because at the end of the day we have to invest in R&D. It's the only way to get sustainable growth and ultimately get that shareholder return. And also you have the side benefit of doing good things for society.
- [Sorkin]: We've been dancing around one issue at this table. We haven't really gotten into pricing. Where do both of you really stand on who should? I mean, we've talked about how Medicare it's very hard to push your prices down. Should there be a mechanism that allows us to have lower prices in the United States, for example?
- [Saunders]: Look, I believe in a free market. I believe that if we continue to allow for a free market that it will cause us to want to continue to climb the innovation scale, take greater risks, look for some of these tougher unmet medical needs.
- [Kernen]: That's the issue though, Brent. If Medicare can't negotiate prices, it's not a free market. It's almost crony capitalism. That was the whole point. Is that a problem?
- [Saunders]: Well, I think you have to look at how the system actually works because, when you think of Medicare, Medicare mostly pushes their formularies down to a United

Healthcare, an Optim, or what-have- you. They go through a rigorous process [interrupted]. It s not just crony capitalism. There s a lot of intermediaries that play in this [interrupted].

[Kernen]: You know a lot of drug companies signed onto Obamacare because they knew that this was going to be the outcome. That they wouldn t be subject to being negotiated down by Medicare.

[Saunders]: Yeah, but I gotta tell you in the Medicare Part D plans, we feel the pressure all the time. We have a Medicare Part D drug. We feel a lot of pricing pressure and we have to negotiate with the health plans to get that coverage.

[Sorkin]: Your margin in the U.S. relative to elsewhere, broadly speaking, is what? What s the difference?

[Saunders]: It s better.

[Quick]: I ve never somebody actually give you an answer.

[Sorkin]: Nobody s given me this answer. Is it ten percent higher? Is it fifty percent higher? Is it one hundred percent higher?

[Saunders]: We don t report it that way.

[Sorkin]: But you know the answer?

[Saunders]: Of course we know the answer.

[Sorkin]: But you don t wanna tell us.

[Saunders]: I d have to give it to you more accurately. We have to follow the rules. But, um, at the end of the day it is better here. But this is why all of the innovation is here. This is why the science jobs are here.

[Sorkin]: You re no longer running one of these companies. Can you tell us what the margin is ?

[Hassan]: The margins are higher in the U.S. because the innovative drugs get paid for. There s reward for innovation in the U.S. But if you look at a market basket of products vs. Canada, let s say, it s not a lot different. Because generics are a lot more expensive in Canada. Because they have a local industry that they protect.

[Sorkin]: So the big picture might not be so simple.

[Hassan]: The innovation is still what really matters here. Because American patients get access to innovation much faster than anywhere else in the world.

[Saunders]: Biopharma innovation here is a national treasure that we have to protect.

[Sorkin]: Brent thank you for being here.

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