

Valeant Announces HSR Clearance For Salix Acquisition

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LAVAL, Quebec, March 13, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. (NYSE: VRX) (TSX: VRX) ("Valeant" or the "Company") announced today that it has received early termination of the applicable waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 with respect to its proposed acquisition of Salix Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. The expiration of the waiting period satisfies one of the conditions to consummate the tender offer and Valeant expects to be in the position to close the transaction on April 1, 2015.

About Valeant

Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. (NYSE/TSX: VRX) is a multinational specialty pharmaceutical company that develops, manufactures and markets a broad range of pharmaceutical products primarily in the areas of dermatology, eye health, neurology, and branded generics. More information about Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. can be found at

www.valeant.com

Caution Regarding Forward-Looking Information and "Safe Harbor" Statement

This press release may contain forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, the consummation of the proposed acquisition of Salix and the expected timing of the transaction. Forward-looking statements may generally be identified by the use of the words "anticipates," "expects," "intends," "plans," "should," "could," "would," "may," "will," "believes," "estimates," "potential," "target," or "continue" and variations or similar expressions. These statements are based upon the current expectations and beliefs of management and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the risk that the acquisition will not close when expected or at all and risks and uncertainties discussed in our most recent annual and quarterly reports and detailed from time to time in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Canadian Securities Administrators, which risks and uncertainties are incorporated herein by reference. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any of these forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof. We undertake no obligation to update any of these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this press release or to reflect actual outcomes, except as required by law.

This press release is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell shares of Salix. Valeant filed a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO with the SEC on March 4, 2015. Salix filed a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 with respect to the offer on March 6, 2015. Stockholders of Salix are urged to read the tender offer materials (including the Offer to Purchase, a related Letter of Transmittal and certain other offer documents) and the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement, in each case as amended (to the extent applicable), because they contain important information which should be read carefully before any decision is made with respect to the tender offer. The Offer to Purchase, the related Letter of Transmittal and

certain other offer documents, as well as the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement, have been made available to all stockholders of Salix at no expense to them. The Tender Offer Statement and the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement are available to all stockholders of Salix free of charge at the website maintained by the SEC at

www.sec.gov

. In addition, the tender offer statement and other documents that Valeant files with the SEC are and will be made available to all stockholders of Salix free of charge at

www.valeant.com

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