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Alcon Will Challenge Verdict in Patent Case

FORT WORTH, Texas - May 6, 2005 - Alcon, Inc. (NYSE:ACL) announced today that a jury in the U.S. District Court in Delaware rendered a verdict that Alcon infringed Advanced Medical Optics Inc.'s (NYSE: AVO) U.S. Patent Nos. 5,700,240 and 6,059,765. Alcon stated that it believes the jury verdict of infringement is not supported by the evidence and is incorrect as a matter of law. Alcon added that it will ask the court to set aside the verdict, and will appeal if necessary. The amount of the verdict was \$95 million.

The patent infringement suit by AMO challenges only certain features of Alcon's Infiniti[®] Vision System and the Advantec[®] and Everest[™] software upgrades to Alcon's Legacy[®] cataract system. It does not relate to the core phacoemulsification technologies that make up the Infiniti[®] and Legacy[®] systems.

Although it expects the verdict to be set aside, Alcon said it had already decided to make the software changes necessary to remove the Occlusion Power Management feature at issue from these products because few, if any, of its customers actually used it.

"While we are disappointed with this jury's decision, we remain confident that when the matter is further reviewed, the court will find that Alcon does not infringe and owes no damages," said Elaine Whitbeck, vice president and general counsel of Alcon.

About Alcon

Alcon, Inc. is the world's leading eye care company with sales exceeding \$3.9 billion in 2004. Alcon, which has been dedicated to the ophthalmic industry for over 50 years, develops, manufactures and markets pharmaceuticals, surgical equipment and devices, contact lens solutions and other vision care products that treat diseases, disorders and other conditions of the eye. For more information on Alcon, Inc., visit the company's Web site at www.alconinc.com.

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