

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

17 July 2012

**ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

HUMAN GENOME SCIENCES, INC.

File No. 1-14169 -- CF# 28503

HUMAN GENOME SCIENCES, INC. submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting an extension of a previous grant of confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form 10-Q filed on August 9, 2006, as amended on September 27, 2007.

Based on representations by HUMAN GENOME SCIENCES, INC. that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit(s) will not be released to the public for the time period(s) specified:

Exhibit 10.5 through July 17, 2015

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

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