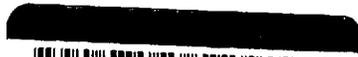


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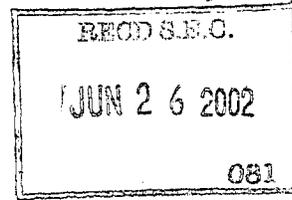
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Dear Ms. Hughes:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Sanofi-Synthelabo, American Depositary Shares (Each representing one-half of one ordinary share, nominal value €2 per share) and Ordinary shares, nominal value €2 per share (application for the ordinary shares is made for listing, not for trading, but only in connection with the registration of the American Depositary Shares pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission) and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 20-F received on June 26, 2002. Tentative listing date - July 1, 2002.

Sincerely,

Paras Mehta