

Your story

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Jim:

I saw your story on the California whistleblower lawsuit, and wanted to provide you with Bristol-Myers Squibb's full statement:

"On Friday, March 18, 2011, the California Department of Insurance announced that it has joined and will take the lead in a civil "whistleblower" lawsuit originally filed against Bristol-Myers Squibb in 2007 by three individuals, none of whom has been an active employee since 2004. The lawsuit alleges that illegal kickbacks were made to California doctors to induce them to prescribe Bristol-Myers Squibb medicines. The overwhelming majority of the allegations in the lawsuit relate to alleged conduct a decade or more old. In fact, some of the conduct is alleged to have occurred in the 1990s.

Bristol-Myers Squibb firmly believes the lawsuit has no merit and intends to defend itself vigorously. The company has been and remains committed to upholding the highest standards of business integrity and ethics and has a robust compliance program. "

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,
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