Indivior Announces Launch of SUBOXONE® (buprenorphine and naloxone) Sublingual Film Authorized Generic

Slough, UK and Richmond, VA, 20 February 2019 – Indivior PLC (LON: INDV) today announced that its U.S. affiliate, Indivior Inc., has launched an authorized generic version of SUBOXONE® (buprenorphine and naloxone) Sublingual Film (CIII) in the U.S. The authorized generic is being marketed and distributed on Indivior’s behalf by Sandoz Inc.

This business decision is based on the market impact expected from the anticipated “at risk” launch of a generic buprenorphine and naloxone sublingual film product in the U.S. by Dr. Reddy’s Laboratories (“DRL”) and/or Alvogen Pine Brook LLC (“Alvogen”).

On February 19, the Supreme Court of the United States denied Indivior’s motion to stay issuance of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit’s (CAFC’s) mandate vacating the Preliminary Injunction (PI) granted against DRL. The CAFC subsequently issued the mandate vacating the PI granted against DRL. The U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey then issued orders dissolving the temporary restraining order against Alvogen and confirming the PI against DRL had been vacated. DRL and Alvogen therefore are no longer prevented from selling, offering to sell, or importing their generic buprenorphine/naloxone sublingual film products.

Any DRL and Alvogen generic product sales in the U.S. will be on an “at-risk” basis, subject to the outcome of the CAFC appeal of the judgments related to U.S. Patent No. 8,603,514, (and U.S. 8,017,150 in the case of DRL), as well as ongoing litigation in the District of New Jersey asserting Orange Book-listed U.S. Patent Nos. 9,931,305 and 9,687,454.

Shaun Thaxter, Chief Executive Officer of Indivior, said, “We are making an authorized generic of our SUBOXONE® Film brand product available to patients and providers immediately, giving them yet another option of medication-assisted treatment for opioid dependence. In addition, we expect this launch will create the opportunity to maximize the value of our SUBOXONE® Film franchise.”
With the launch of this authorized generic by Indivior, it is possible that other companies may also launch their own generic versions of SUBOXONE® Film.

As the current leading provider of buprenorphine medication-assisted treatment in the U.S., Indivior is committed to realizing its Vision that all patients around the world have access to evidence-based treatment for the chronic condition and co-occurring disorders of addiction.

SUBOXONE® Film is a prescription medicine indicated for treatment of opioid dependence and should be used as part of a complete treatment plan to include counseling and psychosocial support.

**About Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)**

Opioid use disorder (OUD), sometimes referred to as opioid addiction, is a chronic disease\(^1\). According to DSM-5, “OUD is characterized by signs and symptoms that reflect compulsive, prolonged self-administration of opioid substances that are used for no legitimate medical purpose or, if another medical condition is present that requires opioid treatment, they are used in doses greatly in excess of the amount needed for that medical condition\(^2\).”

Based on 2016 data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health report, approximately 11.8 million Americans (age 12+ years) engaged in misuse of opioids in the past year\(^3\). From 1999 to 2016, the rate of deadly prescription opioid overdoses increased five-fold\(^4\). In 2016, an average of 115 people died of opioid overdose each day in the United States\(^5\). In addition, in 2016, 935,000 adults used heroin and approximately 625,000 adults had a heroin use disorder\(^6\). In 2015, opioids accounted for 70 percent of the disease burden associated with drug use disorders worldwide\(^6\).

**About Indivior**

Indivior is a global specialty pharmaceutical company with a 20-year legacy of leadership in patient advocacy and health policy while providing education on evidence-based treatment models that have revolutionized modern addiction treatment. Our vision is for all patients around the world to have access to evidence-based treatment for the chronic conditions and co-occurring disorders of addiction. The name is the fusion of the words individual and endeavor, and the tagline “Focus on you” makes the Company’s commitment clear. Indivior is dedicated to transforming addiction from a global human crisis to a recognized and treated chronic disease. Building on its global portfolio of opioid dependence treatments, Indivior has a strong pipeline of product candidates designed to both expand on its heritage in this category and address other chronic conditions and co-occurring disorders of addiction, including alcohol use disorder and schizophrenia. Headquartered in the United States in Richmond, VA, Indivior employs more than 900 individuals globally and its portfolio of products is available in over 40 countries worldwide. Visit [www.indivior.com](http://www.indivior.com) to learn more.

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**About SUBOXONE® Film**

**Indication**
SUBOXONE® (buprenorphine and naloxone) Sublingual Film (CIII) is a prescription medicine indicated for treatment of opioid dependence and should be used as part of a complete treatment plan to include counseling and psychosocial support.

**Treatment should be initiated under the direction of healthcare providers qualified under the Drug Addiction Treatment Act.**

**Important Safety Information**

Do not take SUBOXONE® Film if you are allergic to buprenorphine or naloxone as serious negative effects, including anaphylactic shock, have been reported.

SUBOXONE® Film can be abused in a manner similar to other opioids, legal or illicit.

SUBOXONE® Film contains buprenorphine, an opioid that can cause physical dependence with chronic use. Physical dependence is not the same as addiction. Your healthcare provider can tell you more about the difference between physical dependence and drug addiction. Do not stop taking SUBOXONE® Film suddenly without talking to your healthcare provider. You could become sick with uncomfortable withdrawal symptoms because your body has become used to this medicine.

SUBOXONE® Film can cause serious life-threatening breathing problems, overdose and death, particularly when taken by the intravenous (IV) route in combination with benzodiazepines or other medications that act on the nervous system (ie, sedatives, tranquilizers, or alcohol). It is extremely dangerous to take nonprescribed benzodiazepines or other medications that act on the nervous system while taking SUBOXONE® Film.

You should not drink alcohol while taking SUBOXONE® Film, as this can lead to loss of consciousness or even death.

Death has been reported in those who are not opioid dependent.

Your healthcare provider may monitor liver function before and during treatment.

SUBOXONE® Film is not recommended in patients with severe hepatic impairment and may not be appropriate for patients with moderate hepatic impairment. However, SUBOXONE® Film may be used with caution for maintenance treatment in patients with moderate hepatic impairment who have initiated treatment on a buprenorphine product without naloxone.

Keep SUBOXONE® Film out of the sight and reach of children. Accidental or deliberate ingestion of SUBOXONE® Film by a child can cause severe breathing problems and death.

Do not take SUBOXONE® Film before the effects of other opioids (eg, heroin, hydrocodone, methadone, morphine, oxycodone) have subsided as you may experience withdrawal symptoms.

Injecting the SUBOXONE® Film product may cause serious withdrawal symptoms such as pain, cramps, vomiting, diarrhea, anxiety, sleep problems, and cravings.
Before taking SUBOXONE® Film, tell your healthcare provider if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. If you are pregnant, tell your healthcare provider as withdrawal signs and symptoms should be monitored closely and the dose adjusted as necessary. If you are pregnant or become pregnant while taking SUBOXONE® Film, alert your healthcare provider immediately and you should report it using the contact information provided below.

Opioid-dependent women on buprenorphine maintenance therapy may require additional analgesia during labor.

Neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome (NOWS) is an expected and treatable outcome of prolonged use of opioids during pregnancy, whether that use is medically-authorized or illicit. Unlike opioid withdrawal syndrome in adults, NOWS may be life-threatening if not recognized and treated in the neonate. Healthcare professionals should observe newborns for signs of NOWS and manage accordingly.

Before taking SUBOXONE® Film, talk to your healthcare provider if you are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed your baby. The active ingredients of SUBOXONE® Film can pass into your breast milk. You and your healthcare provider should consider the development and health benefits of breastfeeding along with your clinical need for SUBOXONE® Film and should also consider any potential adverse effects on the breastfed child from the drug or from the underlying maternal condition.

Do not drive, operate heavy machinery, or perform any other dangerous activities until you know how SUBOXONE® Film affects you. Buprenorphine in SUBOXONE® Film can cause drowsiness and slow reaction times during dose-adjustment periods.

Common side effects of SUBOXONE® Film include nausea, vomiting, drug withdrawal syndrome, headache, sweating, numb mouth, constipation, painful tongue, redness of the mouth, intoxication (feeling lightheaded or drunk), disturbance in attention, irregular heartbeat, decrease in sleep, blurred vision, back pain, fainting, dizziness, and sleepiness.

This is not a complete list of potential adverse events associated with SUBOXONE® Film. Please see full Prescribing Information www.suboxoneREMS.com for a complete list.

*To report pregnancy or side effects associated with taking SUBOXONE® Film, please call 1-877-782-6966. You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

For more information about SUBOXONE® Film, SUBOXONE® (buprenorphine and naloxone) Sublingual Tablets (CIII), or SUBUTEX® (buprenorphine) Sublingual Tablets (CIII), please see the respective full Prescribing Information and Medication Guide at www.suboxoneREMS.com.

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