## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

AMGEN INC.,	)
Plaintiff,	)
V.	) Civil Action No.: 05 Civ. 12237 WGY
	)
F. HOFFMANN-LA ROCHE LTD, ROCHE	)
DIAGNOSTICS GmbH, and HOFFMANN-	)
LA ROCHE INC.,	)
Defendants.	)
	)

# **DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR LEAVE TO** AMEND THEIR ANSWER AND COUNTERCLAIMS

Defendants F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd, Roche Diagnostics GmbH, and Hoffmann-La Roche Inc. (collectively "Roche") respectfully move the Court pursuant to Rule 15(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for leave to amend their Answer and Counterclaims. For the reasons set forth in Roche's Memorandum In Opposition To Amgen's Motion To Strike Roche's Affirmative Defenses Nos. 2, 7, 8, 10 And 12 And In Support Of Roche's Motion For Leave To Amend Its Answer And Counterclaims, Roche's motion for leave to amend should be granted.

## **REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT**

Roche believes that oral argument may assist the Court and respectfully requests that it be heard on its motion.

### **CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 7.1**

I certify that counsel for the parties have conferred in an attempt to resolve or narrow the issues presented by this motion. Amgen does not object to Roche's motion for leave to amend the inequitable conduct sections of the answer and counterclaim, but maintain its position as to other sections. Amgen also maintains their pending motions to strike and dismiss, and reserves the right to strike the amended pleading. As a result, Roche still feels compelled to seek leave of the Court to file the proposed amended pleading.

Dated: December 8, 2006 Boston, Massachusetts

Respectfully submitted,

F. HOFFMANN-LA ROCHE LTD, ROCHE DIAGNOSTICS GMBH, and HOFFMANN-LA ROCHE INC.

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