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SUBJECT: LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED, APPLICATION FOR LICENSING ACTION, CONTROL NO. 143966

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Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Elizabeth Ullrich

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1. Amendment No. 16
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