

VIOXX POTENTIAL PRODUCT LIABILITY TRIAL DATES

(These cases are scheduled for jury trial for the dates as listed below but may or may not occur on dates listed and are subject to change. This list includes only potential trials that are scheduled to begin within nine months from the date of this document.)

As of June 19, 2009

	<u>CASE</u>	<u>COURT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
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1.	Carpenter	Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County	January 15, 2010 (jury selection); January 19, 2010 (trial starts)
2.	State of Texas	District Court, Travis County	January 25, 2010
3.	Strong	Arizona Superior Court, Maricopa County	April 12, 2010

Forward-Looking Statement

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