DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville, MD 20857

ANDA 091344

Perrigo Company
U.S. Agent for: Perrigo Israel Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
Attention: Valerie Gallagher
Associate Director, Regulatory Affairs
502 Eastern Ave., Plant 6
Allegan, MI 49010

Dear Madam:

This is in reference to your abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) dated April 2, 2009, submitted pursuant to section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act), for Minoxidil Topical Aerosol, 5% (Foam) (OTC).

Reference is also made to the tentative approval letter issued by this office on March 30, 2011, and to your amendment dated April 4, 2011.

We have completed the review of this ANDA and have concluded that adequate information has been presented to demonstrate that the drug is safe and effective for use as recommended in the submitted over-the-counter (OTC) labeling. Accordingly the ANDA is approved, effective on the date of this letter. The Division of Bioequivalence has determined your Minoxidil Topical Aerosol, 5% (Foam), to be bioequivalent to the reference listed drug (RLD), Men's Rogaine, 5% Topical Foam, of Johnson and Johnson Group Consumer Companies (Johnson and Johnson).

The RLD upon which you have based your ANDA, Johnson and Johnson's Men's Rogaine, 5% Topical Foam, is subject to a period of patent protection. As noted in the agency's publication titled Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations (the "Orange Book"), U.S. Patent No. 6,946,120 (the '120 patent), is scheduled to expire on April 20, 2019.

Your ANDA contains a paragraph IV certification under section 505(j)(2)(A)(vii)(IV) of the Act stating that the '120 patent is invalid, unenforceable, or will not be infringed by your manufacture, use, or sale of Minoxidil Topical Aerosol, 5%

(Foam) (OTC), under this ANDA. You have notified the agency that Perrigo Israel Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Perrigo) complied with the requirements of section 505(j)(2)(B) of the Act, and that litigation was initiated against Perrigo for infringement of the '120 patent in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware [Stiefel Research Australia PTY. Ltd. v. Perrigo Company and Perrigo Israel Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Civil Action No. 09-cv-0758]. You have also notified the agency that the litigation was dismissed; therefore, under section 505(j)(5)(B)(iii) of the Act, your ANDA is eligible for a full approval.

With respect to 180-day generic drug exclusivity, we note that Perrigo was the first ANDA applicant to submit a substantially complete ANDA with a paragraph IV certification to the '120 patent. Therefore, with this approval, Perrigo is eligible for 180 days of generic drug exclusivity for Minoxidil Topical Aerosol, 5% (Foam) (OTC). This exclusivity, which is provided for under section 505(j)(5)(B)(iv) of the Act, will begin to run from the date of the commercial marketing identified in section 505(j)(5)(B)(iv). Please submit correspondence to this ANDA informing the agency of the date the exclusivity begins to run.

Under section 506A of the Act, certain changes in the conditions described in this ANDA require an approved supplemental application before the change may be made.

Postmarketing reporting requirements for this ANDA are set forth in 21 CFR 314.80-81 and 314.98. The Office of Generic Drugs should be advised of any change in the marketing status of this drug.

Promotional materials may be submitted to FDA for comment prior to publication or dissemination. Please note that these submissions are voluntary. If you desire comments on proposed launch promotional materials with respect to compliance with applicable regulatory requirements, we recommend you submit, in draft or mock-up form, two copies of both the promotional materials and package insert directly to:

Food and Drug Administration
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications
5901-B Ammendale Road
Beltsville, MD 20705

We call your attention to 21 CFR 314.81(b)(3) which requires that all promotional materials be submitted to the Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications with a completed Form FDA 2253 at the time of their initial use.

As soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, submit, using the FDA automated drug registration and listing system (eLIST), the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format, as described at http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm, that is identical in content to the approved labeling (including the package insert, and any patient package insert and/or Medication Guide that may be required). Information on submitting SPL files using eLIST may be found in the guidance for industry titled "SPL Standard for Content of Labeling Technical Qs and As" at http://www.fda.gov/downloads/DrugsGuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/U_CM072392.pdf The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

Sincerely yours,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

Keith Webber, Ph.D.
Deputy Director
Office of Pharmaceutical Science
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

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Deputy Director, Office of Generic Drugs
for Keith Webber, Ph.D.