



## Amgen Resolves EPO Patent Dispute With Roche

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### **Roche Admits Infringement And Validity Of Amgen's EPO Patents; Court Enters Permanent Injunction; Amgen Allows Roche's MIRCERA Onto U.S. Market In Mid-2014**

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif., Dec 22, 2009 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Amgen (Nasdaq: AMGN) announced today that the United States (U.S.) District Court in Boston has entered final judgment and a permanent injunction against Roche prohibiting Roche from infringing Amgen's patents on recombinant erythropoietin (EPO), thus bringing the five-year patent infringement dispute to an end. Today's judgment was accompanied by Roche's admission that the five Amgen EPO patents involved in the lawsuit are valid, enforceable and infringed by Roche's pegylated-erythropoietin (peg-EPO) product, MIRCERA and by Amgen allowing Roche to begin selling MIRCERA in the U.S. in mid-2014 under terms of a limited license agreement. The settlement terms do not include any financial payments between the parties.

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"We are very pleased with this agreement, a victory for Amgen that reaffirms the validity of our patents and brings to an end this long-standing legal dispute," said David Scott, senior vice president and general counsel for Amgen. "The settlement provides certainty to both companies and allows Amgen to focus intently on investing in innovative research and delivering medicines that treat grievous, unmet medical needs."

#### *About Amgen*

Amgen discovers, develops, manufactures and delivers innovative human therapeutics. A biotechnology pioneer since 1980, Amgen was one of the first companies to realize the new science's promise by bringing safe and effective medicines from lab, to manufacturing plant, to patient. Amgen therapeutics have changed the practice of medicine, helping millions of people around the world in the fight against cancer, kidney disease, rheumatoid arthritis and other serious illnesses. With a deep and broad pipeline of potential new medicines, Amgen remains committed to advancing science to dramatically improve people's lives. To learn more about our pioneering science and our vital medicines, visit [www.amgen.com](http://www.amgen.com).

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