

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**For Immediate Release – January 11, 2012**

### **CANADA-WIDE NEURONTIN® CLASS ACTION - NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION**

**LONDON, ONTARIO** – Notice of certification of a class action relating to the drug Neurontin® (gabapentin) is being disseminated today. The action alleges that use of Neurontin®, a prescription anticonvulsant that is commonly prescribed for off-label uses, results in an increased risk of experiencing suicidal behaviour. The action applies to all Canadians who were prescribed and ingested the drug Neurontin® prior to August 5, 2004.

Among the issues the court approved for determination at trial are whether Neurontin® is ineffective and/or defective or unfit for the purpose for which it was intended and sold, and whether Pfizer breached a duty to warn class members or materially misrepresented any of the risks of harm from using Neurontin®. Another issue approved for determination is whether the class can elect to require Pfizer to account for all or part of the gross revenue or net income received from the sale of Neurontin®.

Class members are represented by the law firm Siskinds <sup>LLP</sup> in London, Ontario, and the law firms Dunn & Company and Hanson Wirsig Matheos in Vancouver, British Columbia. Michael J. Peerless, a partner with the law firm Siskinds <sup>LLP</sup> said that "We are very pleased that individuals across Canada who experienced suicidal behaviour from using Neurontin®, and their family members, will be allowed to go forward with their claims on a class basis. We look forward to taking the next steps in this litigation and to continue pressing forward in representing the claims of these individuals."

It is too early at this stage to quantify the claims of class members if the action is successful, but it is anticipated that the amount will be significant. Any Canadians who have used Neurontin® are encouraged to visit [www.classaction.ca](http://www.classaction.ca) or call Joan Stewart at 1-800-461-6166 ext. 2382.

**For further information:**

Please contact Matthew Baer at (519) 660-7782 or Michael Peerless at (519) 660-7866 for English enquiries or Nathalie Boulay at (418) 694-2009 for French enquiries.