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Vioxx Class Action

National law firm Slater & Gordon (ASX: SGH) advises that the lead applicant in the Vioxx Class Action, Mr Graeme Peterson, has today filed Applications for Special Leave to Appeal the decision of the Full Federal Court handed down on Wednesday 12 October 2011 which upheld the appeal of Merck Sharp & Dolme Australia. The Applications have been filed in the Melbourne Registry of the High Court of Australia.

The Company expects that the Applications for leave will be dealt with by the High Court of Australia before June 2012, subject of course, to the commitments of the Court.

For further background on this matter, please refer to the Company's ASX announcement dated 12 October 2011, "**Vioxx Appeal Judgment.**"