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On October 21, 2004, Sanofi-Aventis made the following materials available on its website.

In connection with the proposed merger of Aventis with and into sanofi-aventis, sanofi-aventis has filed a post-effective amendment to its registration statement on Form F-4 (File no. 333-112314), which includes a preliminary prospectus relating to the merger, and will file additional documents with the SEC. **Investors are urged to read the registration statement, including any preliminary prospectus or definitive prospectus (when available) relating to the merger, and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC, including all amendments and supplements, because they will contain important information.** Free copies of the registration statement, as well as other relevant documents filed with the SEC, may be obtained at the SEC's web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). At the appropriate time, sanofi-aventis will provide investors with information on how to obtain any merger-related documents for free from sanofi-aventis or from its duly appointed agents.

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