

25 February 2008

Dear Shareholder

ANNUAL REPORT AND FORM 20-F INFORMATION 2007 AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008 AND SHAREHOLDERS' CIRCULAR

On behalf of the Board of AstraZeneca PLC, I am pleased to confirm that the Annual Report and Form 20-F Information for the year ended 31 December 2007 has now been published as well as the Notice of Annual General Meeting 2008 and Shareholders' Circular (together with a covering letter from me).

As you may recall, at the Annual General Meeting in April 2007 a resolution was approved to enable us to give you the opportunity to choose how you would prefer to receive the Company's annual accounts, notices of shareholder meetings and other shareholder information.

In September 2007, we sent a letter to all shareholders with details of how to:

- > receive a hard copy of shareholder information in the post; or
- > receive an e-mail notification that shareholder information is available for viewing on the AstraZeneca website and a link to the relevant web page; or
- > receive a letter in the post that shareholder information is available for viewing on the AstraZeneca website.

Depending on the choices you made at that time, you will find enclosed with this letter one or more of the following documents:

- > **Annual Report and Form 20-F Information 2007**
- > **Notice of the Annual General Meeting 2008 and Shareholders' Circular**
- > **Proxy card**

Please refer to the chart overleaf and the Shareholder Communications Q & A on the back page of this document for more information about the choice you have made and what to do if you wish to change your mind.

This year, we have not produced a separate Annual Review or Corporate Responsibility Summary Report and more information about this is also provided in the Q & A section on the back page.

Yours faithfully



LOUIS SCHWEITZER
Chairman

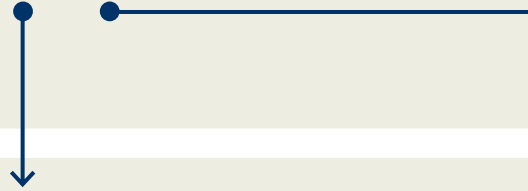
WHICH DOCUMENTS HAVE I RECEIVED AND WHY?

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WHEN DID YOU BECOME AN ASTRAZENECA SHAREHOLDER?

Were you an AstraZeneca shareholder on 10th August 2007?

YES NO

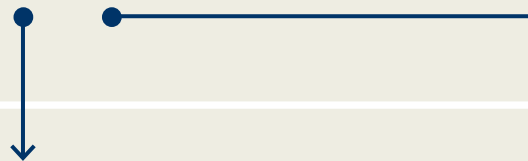


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WHAT ACTIONS HAVE YOU TAKEN AS AN ASTRAZENECA SHAREHOLDER?

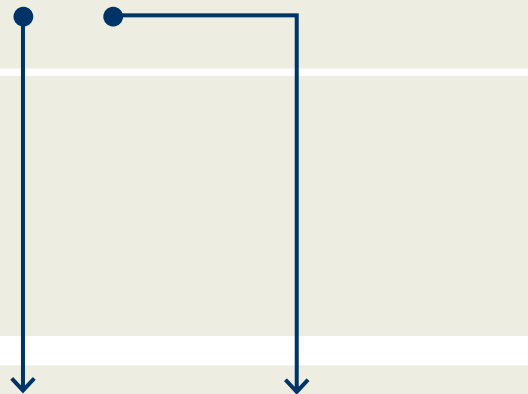
Did you complete the form attached to the letter we sent you on 17 September 2007?

YES NO



As a shareholder have you registered for e-communications via the Shareview website, www.shareview.co.uk?

YES NO



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WHAT DOCUMENTS HAVE YOU RECEIVED WITH THIS LETTER?

None. You will have received an e-mail with hyperlinks to a website containing the Annual Report and Form 20-F Information, Notice of Annual General Meeting and Shareholders' Circular and the online voting facility

Hard copies of the Annual Report and Form 20-F Information, Notice of Annual General Meeting and Shareholders' Circular and Proxy card

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WHAT DO YOU DO IF YOU WANT TO CHANGE YOUR PREFERENCES?

Read the Q & A section overleaf or call our helpline on: 0800 389 1580 (freephone in the UK); or +44 (0) 121 415 7033 (outside the UK)

Since becoming a shareholder have you registered for e-communications via the Shareview website, www.shareview.co.uk?

YES NO

Have you at any time registered your details via the Shareview website, www.shareview.co.uk?

YES NO

Have you elected for e-communications within Shareview, www.shareview.co.uk?

YES NO

None. You will have received an e-mail with hyperlinks to a website containing the Annual Report and Form 20-F Information, Notice of Annual General Meeting and Shareholders' Circular and the online voting facility

Hard copies of the Annual Report and Form 20-F Information, Notice of Annual General Meeting and Shareholders' Circular and Proxy card

Proxy card and this letter notifying you that the Annual Report and Form 20-F Information and the Notice of Annual General Meeting have been posted to our website, www.astrazeneca.com

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Register for electronic communications at:
www.shareview.co.uk

SHAREHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS Q & A

Q.
I HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE ANNUAL REPORT OR NOTICE OF AGM AND SHAREHOLDERS' CIRCULAR. WHERE CAN I OBTAIN A COPY?

A. You can log on to the AstraZeneca website at www.astrazeneca.com and view the Annual Report and Form 20-F Information and Notice of AGM and Shareholders' Circular online. You can also order a hard copy of either document via the website. Alternatively, write to or call Equiniti (contact details below) with your request and they will send a copy to you.

Q.
I HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE ANNUAL REPORT OR NOTICE OF AGM AND SHAREHOLDERS' CIRCULAR. WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THEM IN FUTURE?

A. Complete and return the Shareholder Communications Election Form attached to the Proxy card. Alternatively, write to or call Equiniti (contact details below) to request that you receive hard copy documents in future.

Q.
I HAVE RECEIVED THE ANNUAL REPORT AND NOTICE OF AGM AND SHAREHOLDERS' CIRCULAR BUT DO NOT WISH TO RECEIVE HARD COPIES IN FUTURE. WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

A. Complete and return the Shareholder Communications Election Form attached to the Proxy card. Alternatively, write to or call Equiniti (contact details below) with your request. We will still write to you to notify you that the documents are available for viewing on the AstraZeneca website and you can change your mind at any time by contacting Equiniti (contact details below) and advising them of your new preferences.

Q.
WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE CHANGED MY MIND ABOUT HOW I RECEIVE INFORMATION?

A. You can change your mind at any time by contacting Equiniti (contact details below) and advising them of your new preferences.

Q.
I WOULD PREFER TO RECEIVE A NOTIFICATION VIA E-MAIL IN FUTURE THAT THESE DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE. WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

A. Log on to the Equiniti Shareview website at www.shareview.co.uk and register for a free Shareview portfolio. You will then receive notifications via the e-mail address that you have registered whenever future shareholder documents are available.

Q.
WILL REGISTERING FOR ELECTRONIC SHAREHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS AFFECT THE RECEIPT OF DIVIDEND TAX VOUCHERS?

A. No. We will continue to send you hard copy dividend tax vouchers as usual.

Q.
I USED TO RECEIVE THE SHORTER ANNUAL REVIEW. IS THIS STILL AVAILABLE?

A. No. The only report available is the full Annual Report and Form 20-F Information. This report contains all the information previously included in the Annual Review. The report is available as an easily navigable, dedicated website at www.astrazeneca.com/annualreport2007.

Q.
I USED TO RECEIVE A SEPARATE CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY (CR) SUMMARY REPORT. IS THIS STILL AVAILABLE?

A. No, not as a separate, printed report. The main areas of our CR commitment and 2007 performance are now integrated into our Annual Report and Form 20-F Information. In addition, full details relating to these and other areas of our CR commitment are available on an easily navigable, dedicated website at www.astrazeneca.com/responsibility.

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