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Benitec US Patent Re-exam Update

2 June 2010, Melbourne, Australia: Benitec Limited (ASX:BLT) provides the following update on the USA Patent Re-examination of the "Graham" patent 6,573,099.

In response to the formal Request for Oral Hearing filed in March 2010 and as announced in our market update on 9 March 2010, the Company has been notified that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences of the United States Patent and Trademark Office will hold an oral hearing re this matter on Wednesday 4 August 2010.

A combined team from Benitec and CSIRO, along with their attorneys, will attend this hearing.

A further update will be provided to the market following this hearing.

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