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ICN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Iridian Asset Management LLC
and
Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC

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The following is the text of a press release issued by Iridian Asset Management LLC and Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC on May 3.

FROM: Iridian Asset Management LLC
Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC

Letter to Milan Panic From Proposed Nominee of
Iridian Asset Management LLC and Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC

Westport, CT and Short Hills, NJ. May 3, 2002. Having reviewed the press release of ICN Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NYSE: ICN) today announcing the revision of its preliminary proxy statement, and in particular the remarks of Mr. Alan F. Charles, an ICN executive, characterizing the actions of Richard H. Koppes, one of FMA and Iridian's nominees for election to ICN's board, Iridian Asset Management LLC and Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC, the investment manager for Franklin Mutual Series Fund Inc., in the interest of complete and accurate disclosure, released the full text of the letter sent yesterday, May 2, 2002, by Mr. Koppes to ICN's Chairman, Milan Panic.

"Dear Mr. Panic:"

"I have received your letter dated May 2, 2002 and I am writing to confirm the telephone message in response to it left earlier today with your assistant."

"I wish to be completely clear and unequivocal. I have never given my consent, expressly or impliedly, nor do I now consent, to the inclusion of my name on the proxy card of ICN Pharmaceuticals Inc. or to being named as a nominee of ICN or its board of directors in its proxy statement or other proxy materials in connection with the upcoming annual meeting and election of directors." (emphasis added)

"If you and your advisors read any part of my prior correspondence with you or my choice not to respond to your last letter to mean anything to the contrary, you were indeed mistaken."

"I will repeat for you that I remain willing, as I have always been, to serve as a director of ICN if elected and that, if elected, I will always act in what I believe to be the best interests of all of the shareholders, maintaining an open mind and seeking to maximize shareholder value."

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"Sincerely,"

"Richard H. Koppes"

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