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Solicitation/Recommendation Statement
Under Section 14(d)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

NOVEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Name of Subject Company)

NOVEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Name of Person Filing Statement)

Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share
(Title of Class of Securities)

670009109
(Cusip Number of Class of Securities)

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Check the box if the filing relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer.

The following e-mail to employees of Noven Pharmaceuticals, Inc. was sent on July 14, 2009:

To My Noven Colleagues:

As the attached press releases indicate, today is an outstanding day for Noven and for all Noven employees.

First, early this morning, we entered into a merger agreement for the proposed acquisition of our company by Hisamitsu, a global pharmaceutical company based in Japan that is the world's largest manufacturer of transdermal patches. Hisamitsu plans to expand its U.S. presence, and the company that you built is their chosen catalyst. Noven is expected to serve as Hisamitsu's U.S. growth platform across all key functions, including Research and Development, Operations, Clinical/Regulatory, and Marketing and Sales. The plan calls for Noven to continue as a standalone business unit, operating at our current locations in Miami and New York, with our existing work force intact. The plan also calls for new leadership – I am very pleased to report that, after closing, Jeff Eisenberg, Noven's Executive Vice President and President of Novogyne, will assume my responsibilities and be named President & CEO of Noven, leading the company on its growth course as a Hisamitsu subsidiary. We will be discussing much more about the proposed merger at today's Employee Town Meeting, scheduled for 11:00 a.m. ET in the Vineyard auditorium.

Somewhat overshadowed by the merger news is a Noven achievement that is outstanding in its own right. This morning, we also announced results from our Phase 2 study of Mesafem, our non-hormonal therapy for menopausal hot flashes. Along with the entire Noven Clinical Team, I am excited to report that the study results exceeded all of our internal expectations. With the data from this study, we plan to expedite Mesafem into Phase 3, and to advance our Mesafem commercialization and partnering strategies – more on this as well at the Town Meeting.

I look forward to discussing these developments with you later this morning.

Peter

Note: Due to the tender offer involved in the proposed merger, you will be seeing the following legend, required by the securities laws, on some of our written company communications.

The tender offer described herein has not yet commenced and this communication is neither an offer to purchase nor the solicitation of an offer to sell any securities. At an appropriate time, Noven intends to file a tender offer solicitation/recommendation statement, and Hisamitsu intends to file a Schedule TO and related documents (together with the tender offer solicitation/recommendation statement, the "Tender Offer Documents") with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Investors and security holders are urged to read the Tender Offer Documents and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC when they become available, because they will contain important information. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the Tender Offer Documents and other documents (when available) that Noven or Hisamitsu files with the SEC at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. In addition, the tender offer solicitation/recommendation statement and other documents filed by Noven with the SEC may be obtained from Noven free of charge by directing a request to Joseph C. Jones, Noven's Vice President – Corporate Affairs, at 305-253-1916.

The following presentation material was made available by Noven Pharmaceuticals, Inc. to its employees on July 14, 2009:

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Forward Looking Statements Except for historical information contained herein, the matters discussed in this presentation contain forward-looking statements that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. Statements that are not historical facts, including statements that are preceded by, followed by, or that include, the words “believes,” “anticipates,” “plans,” “expects” or similar expressions, and statements that involve risks and uncertainties concerning Hisamitsu’s acquisition of Noven, are forward-looking statements. Noven’s estimated or anticipated future results, product performance or other non-historical facts are forward-looking and reflect Noven’s current perspective on existing trends and information. Actual results, performance or achievements could differ materially from those contemplated, expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements contained herein. These forward-looking statements are based largely on the current expectations of Noven and, where applicable, Hisamitsu, and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that are subject to change based on factors that are, in many instances, beyond Noven’s and Hisamitsu’s control. These factors include, but are not limited to, the timing and completion of the proposed tender offer for the outstanding shares of Noven, the ability to complete the tender offer and subsequent merger successfully, in a timely fashion and on the terms agreed to by the parties, and the anticipated impact of the acquisition on Noven’s or Hisamitsu’s operations and financial results. Accordingly, no assurances can be given that any of the events anticipated by the forward-looking statements will occur or, if any of them do, what impact they will have on either Noven’s or Hisamitsu’s results of operations or financial condition. Unless required by law, Noven and Hisamitsu undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Important Information about the Tender Offer The tender offer described in this presentation has not yet commenced and this communication is neither an offer to purchase nor the solicitation of an offer to sell any securities. At an appropriate time and if the tender offer is commenced, Noven intends to file a tender offer solicitation/recommendation statement with the SEC. Investors and security holders are urged to read the tender offer solicitation/recommendation statement and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC when they become available, because they will contain important information. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the tender offer solicitation/recommendation statement and other documents (when available) that Noven files with the SEC at www.sec.gov. In addition, the tender offer solicitation/recommendation statement and other documents filed by Noven with the SEC may be obtained from Noven free of charge by directing a request to Noven Corporate Affairs at 305-964-3182.

Meeting Agenda The Noven / Hisamitsu Transaction This Morning's News About Hisamitsu About the Proposed Transaction What This Means for Noven What This Means for Employees Mesafem Phase 2 Study Results Exceeded Expectations Next Steps for Mesafem Questions

This Morning's News Noven and Hisamitsu Enter into Definitive Merger Agreement Hisamitsu Expected to Commence an All-Cash Tender Offer for 100% of Outstanding Noven Shares Noven's Existing Operations Expected to Serve as Combined Company's Growth Platform

Key Transaction Terms Transaction Value \$16.50 per common share Consideration \$100% Cash Structure Noven to become a wholly-owned sub of Hisamitsu Tender Required Greater than 50% of shares outstanding Expected Closing Date Tender offer expected to commence by July 28, 2009 Expected to close Q3 2009

Noven / Hisamitsu Strategic Vision The combined company would be positioned for significant growth in the U.S. market and global transdermal leadership U.S. Objective: The transaction positions Noven as Hisamitsu's platform for U.S. expansion across all functions, including product development, operations, clinical/regulatory and commercial capabilities. Global Objective: The transaction is a major step toward Hisamitsu's long-term corporate objective to be the world's leading transdermal company.

Meaningful Benefits for All Constituents For Shareholders: a 43% premium over Noven's 90-day average closing stock price For Employees: continued and enhanced opportunities as an integral part of global leader's U.S. growth strategy For Partners: working with a stronger, better-resourced collaborative partner in Noven For Physicians/Patients/Customers: continued service, quality and therapeutic benefit, with the potential for access to a broader product line For Vendors/Suppliers: opportunities for expansion of existing business relationships as Noven grows

Who is Hisamitsu? The world's largest patch manufacturer 4 billion units per year Our trusted and respected partner and long-time shareholder Parties have worked together on several product opportunities Hisamitsu has held over 1.0 million shares of Noven since 2002 Currently holds 4.9% of outstanding Noven common stock

Hisamitsu Corporate Profile Established: 1847 Stock Exchange: Tokyo (since 1972) Annual Sales: \$1.3 billion in FY2/2009 Employees: Over 1,890 Headquarters: Tosu and Tokyo Global Offices: 26 Factories: Tosu and Utsunomiya (Japan) Vietnam, Brazil, Taian and Indonesia Laboratories: Tosu, Tsukuba (Japan) and San Diego

Hisamitsu Legacy – Excellence Since 1847 Salonpas® Pain Relief Patch/Arthritis Pain launched in the US 2008 160 year anniversary 2007 Acquired Ethical Drug Division of SSP Keplat® (Mohrus Tape) launched in Italian market 2005 Feitas®, Butenolock® launched 2003 Estrana® (estradiol patch) introduced to the market 2000 Mohrus Tape® (ketoprofen patch) launched 1995 Mohrus® (ketoprofen gel patch) launched 1988 1987 Hisamitsu America, Inc. established 1972 Papsalon® launched (first Rx product) 1962 Public listing of stock 1937 Overseas export of Salonpas® started 1934 Salonpas® introduced to the market 1847 Founded

Established Global Presence Hisamitsu America, Inc. Hisamitsu UK Headquarters Kyushu Tokyo New Jersey
Office Taiwan Hisamitsu Pharmaceutical California Laboratories Hisamitsu Vietnam Pharmaceutical Hisamitsu
Taipei Regional Office Hisamitsu Pharmaceutica do Brazil Ltda. Hisamitsu Malaysia Regional Office P.T. Hisamitsu
Pharma Indonesia Hisamitsu Singapore Branch

Substantial Presence in Japan Kyushu Head office Laboratories Factories Sapporo branch office Sendai branch office Kanazawa sales office Saitama sales office Kyoto branch office Osaka 1st branch office Osaka 2nd branch office Hiroshima branch office Kobe sales office Fukuoka branch office Kumamoto branch office Takamatsu branch office Kagoshima branch office Yokohama sales office Nagoya branch office Utsunomiya sales office Utsunomiya Factories Tsukuba Laboratories Tokyo 1st branch office Tokyo 2nd branch office Johtoh sales office Tokyo head office Chiba sales office

Consistent Growth Revenue (JPY Million 120,000 100,000 80,000 60,000 40,000 20,000 0 01-09 CAGR: 8.4% Net
Income (JPY Million) 65,240 69,538 70,000 74,588 83,545 102,665 109,791 119,061 124,655 10.4% 6,788 8,608
9,599 10,823 12,873 14,448 15,847 18,663 15.3% 19,120 24,000 20,000 16,000 12,000 8,000 4,000 0 FY2/01 FY2/02
FY2/03 FY2/04 FY2/05 FY2/06 FY2/07 FY2/08 FY2/09

Prescription Products PRODUCTS Mohrus® Tape Mohrus® Sector® Naboal® Inside® Vesicum® Estrana®
Volley® ACTIVE INGREDIENT Ketoprofen Diclofenac Indomethacine Ibuprofen-piconol Estradiol Butenafin
FORMULATION Matrix patch Poultice Gel, Cream, Lotion Gel, Poultice, Matrix patch Poultice Ointment, Cream
Matrix patch Cream, Lotion INDICATION Analgesic Anti-inflammatory Post menopausal Osteoporosis Anti-fungal
DIAGNOSIS Orthopedics Gynecology Dermatology

Over-the-Counter Products PRODUCTS Salonpas® Salonsip® Air Salonpas® Series Feitas® Series Butenalock®
Series ACTIVE INGREDIENT Methyl salicylate Glycol salicylate, Indomethacin Methyl salicylate, Glycol salicylate,
Indomethacin Ferubinae Butenafin FORMULATION Plaster Poultice Spray Plaster, Lotion, Cream, Stick Cream,
Liquid, Spray INDICATION Analgesic Anti-inflammatory Anti-fungal

Late Stage R&D Pipeline STAGE Approved Filed Phase 3 Phase 2 PRODUCT SG-01 (Product Name: Care Sheet)
HFT-290 BTDS KPT-220 (Mohrus Tape) HFG-512 HKT-500 HTU-520 HOB-294 INGREDIENT ___ Fentanyl
citrate Buprenorphine Ketoprofen Fentanyl Ketoprofen Undisclosed Oxybutynin hydrochloride FEATURE
Hydrocolloide preparation absorbant, moderately moist environment Once-a-day application for more stable pain
control Moderate to severe non-malignant chronic pain which is non-responsive to NSAIDs Extended indication of
Mohrus® Tape Generic version of Duragesic® Development of Mohrus® Tape in U.S. External formulation for
onychomycosis Stable efficacy with less adverse reactions MARKET JPN JPN JPN JPN USA USA JPN JPN
INDICATION Wound protection dressing (medical device) Cancer pain Non-malignant chronic pain Rheumatoid
arthritis Chronic pain Mild to moderate musculoskeletal pain Onychomycosis OAB

What Does This Mean For Noven? 1. We currently expect to continue to operate as a standalone business unit, operating at our current locations 2. We expect to serve as Hisamitsu's U.S. growth platform across all key company business segments 3. Our technology & products will be positioned to serve global markets and a broader patient population 4. Our workforce and management team are expected to remain in place, except for one change: After closing, Jeff Eisenberg is expected to assume the role of Noven's President & CEO from Peter Brandt 5. We will no longer be a public company

We Will No Longer Be a Publicly-Traded Company Current Status Public Shareholders Stock Listed on NASDAQ
100% NOVEN Post-Transaction Hisamitsu Stock No Longer Listed 100% (wholly owned subsidiary) NOVEN

What Does This Mean for Employees? 1. This is not about cost cutting – it is about growth and expansion in the U.S. & elsewhere 2. Key functions expected to continue, including R&D, Operations, Clinical/Regulatory and Sales & Marketing (both Novogyne & Noven Therapeutics) 3. Miami and New York facilities expected to stay open 4.No expectation of employee headcount reductions 5. New long-term incentive programs planned

Our Focus Must Remain on Key Success Factors Higher growth for longer term Advance New Product Pipeline (Oral & Patch) 10 New transdermal technologies / Strong IP 8 Smart, Aggressive Busienss Development 9 Near-term Opportunities Maximinze Novogyne Opportunities 5 Optimize Daytrana / Improve Margins 6 Achieve Profitability at Therapeutics 7 Organizational Improvements Growth-Oriented Mission, Values & Focus 1 New Leadership / Stronger Team 2 Performance-Driven Culture / Accountability Financial Discipline / Bottom-Line Focus 4

Major Progress to Report on Key Factor #10 Significant Opportunity in Women's Health 6M 7M 12M Not treated with Rx product Currently treated with HT Previously treated with HT Non-hormonal therapy for VMS – VMS: hot flashes/night sweats associated with menopause Low-dose paroxetine mesylate (oral) Excellent fit with Noven's menopausal therapy expertise established through Novogyne Large unmet need – Est. 25M women with VMS

Just Announced: Positive Phase 2 Results Double-blind, placebo-controlled Phase 2 study Designed and powered to detect an efficacy signal - 103 patients enrolled; 98 completed - Study not designed to reach statistical significance - Goal was to detect an efficacy signal Study results exceeded our internal expectations Achieved statistical significance in several primary efficacy measures, and showed a clear signal in all others - Safety and tolerability were similar to placebo - Next step: Phase 3 studies, beginning by year-end

What's Next - Integration Planning & Execution Detailed integration planning begins today Execution of integration plan begins at closing Process, once begun, must move with sense of urgency All employees are expected to have a role, some greater than others More integration information to come

A Word from the Noven Board Wayne Yetter Chairman of the Board Noven Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Questions? Questions are welcome either now, or later by email or voicemail By email: info@Noven.com By voicemail: x3277 (305-964-3277) Answers will be distributed to all employees, along with updates on the transaction and integration

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