



**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL**

**NOVARTIS AG,**

**Appellant,**

**Appeal No. 14-2013-0041**

**IPC No. 14-2011-000493**

**Opposition to:**

**-versus-**

**Application No. 4-2011-007074**

**Date Filed: 16 June 2011**

**Trademark: SACSECURE**

**SMITHS MEDICAL INTERNATIONAL LTD.,**

**Appellee.**

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**NOTICE**

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**GREETINGS:**

Please be informed that on 22 September 2014, the Office of the Director General issued an Order in this case (copy attached).

Taguig City, 22 September 2014.

Very truly yours,

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ORDER


Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure for IPO Mediation Proceedings<sup>1</sup>, this Office issued an Order on 07 November 2013 referring this case to mediation. Subsequently, this Office received a "MEDIATOR'S REPORT" with a copy of a "JOINT SUBMISSION OF COMPROMISE AGREEMENT" dated 24 June 2014.

In this regard, a review of the provisions of the compromise agreement shows that the agreement is not contrary to law, public policy, morals or good customs. In addition, the settlement of this case is consistent to the policy of encouraging the use of alternative dispute resolution methods and actively promoting party autonomy in the resolution of disputes or the freedom of the parties to make their own arrangements to resolve their disputes.<sup>2</sup>

Wherefore, premises considered, the compromise agreement executed by the parties on 24 June 2014 is hereby approved. The parties are enjoined to faithfully comply with the provisions of their agreement. Accordingly, the instant appeal is hereby dismissed. Let a copy of this Order and the records of this case be furnished and returned to the Director of the Bureau of Legal Affairs for appropriate action. Further, let also the Director of the Bureau of Trademarks and the library of the Documentation, Information and Technology Transfer Bureau be furnished a copy of this Order for information, guidance, and records purposes.

SO ORDERED.

22 SEP 2014 Taguig City.

  
RICARDO R. BLANCAFLOR  
Director General

<sup>1</sup>Office Order No. 154, Series of 2010.

<sup>2</sup>Rep. Act No. 9285, Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 2004.