

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**United States Patent and Trademark Office**

[Docket No.: PTO-P-2013-0062]

Grant of Interim Extension of the Term of U.S. Patent No. 5,496,801; Recombinant Human Parathyroid Hormone**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.**ACTION:** Notice of interim patent term extension.**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office has issued an order granting interim extension under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) for a one-year interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 5,496,801.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**Mary C. Till by telephone at (571) 272-7755; by mail marked to her attention and addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Hatch-Waxman PTE, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by fax marked to her attention at (571) 273-7755; or by email to Mary.Till@uspto.gov.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 156 of Title 35, United States Code, generally provides that the term of a patent may be extended for a period of up to five years if the patent claims a product, or a method of making or using a product, that has been subject to certain defined regulatory review, and that the patent may be extended for interim periods of up to one year if the regulatory review is anticipated to extend beyond the expiration date of the patent.

On December 6, 2013, NPS Pharmaceuticals, Inc., timely filed an application under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) for an interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 5,496,801. The patent claims the human biological product recombinant human parathyroid hormone. The application indicates that Biologics License Application 125511 for the drug product, recombinant human parathyroid hormone, was filed on October 24, 2013, and is currently undergoing regulatory review before the Food and Drug Administration for permission to market or use the product commercially.

Review of the application indicates that, except for permission to market or use the product commercially, the subject patent would be eligible for an extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156, and that the patent should be extended for one year as required by 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5)(B). Because the

regulatory review period has continued beyond the original expiration date of the patent, December 23, 2013, interim extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) is appropriate.

An interim extension under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) of the term of U.S. Patent No. 5,496,801 is granted for a period of one year from the original expiration date of the patent.

Dated: December 20, 2013.

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[Docket No. PTO-C-2013-0060]

National Medal of Technology and Innovation Call for 2014 Nominations**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.**ACTION:** Notice and request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (United States Patent and Trademark Office) is accepting nominations for the National Medal of Technology and Innovation (NMTI). Since establishment by Congress in the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980, the President of the United States has awarded the annual National Medal of Technology and Innovation (initially known as the National Medal of Technology) to our nation's leading innovators. If you know of a candidate who has made an outstanding contribution to the nation's economic, environmental or social well-being through the promotion of technology, technological innovation, or the development of technological manpower, you may obtain a nomination form from: <http://www.uspto.gov/about/nmti/index.jsp>.

ADDRESSES: The NMTI nomination form for the year 2014 may be obtained by visiting the USPTO Web site at <http://www.uspto.gov/about/nmti/index.jsp>. Nomination applications should be submitted to John Palafoutas, Program Manager, National Medal of Technology and Innovation Program, by electronic mail to NMTI@uspto.gov or by mail to: John Palafoutas, NMTI Program Manager, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

DATES: The deadline for submission of a nomination is 5 p.m. ET, April 1, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Palafoutas, Program Manager, National Medal of Technology and Innovation Program, United States Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; telephone (571) 272-9821 or by electronic mail: nmti@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

As provided by Congress in the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980, the National Medal of Technology was first awarded in 1985. On August 9, 2007, the President signed the America COMPETES (Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science) Act of 2007. The Act amended Section 16 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980, changing the name of the Medal to the "National Medal of Technology and Innovation." The NMTI is the highest honor awarded by the President of the United States to America's leading innovators in the field of technology and is given annually to individuals, teams, or companies/non-profits who have made outstanding contributions to the promotion of technology or technological innovation, or to the development of technological manpower, for the improvement of the economic, environmental or social well-being of the United States. The primary purpose of the NMTI is to recognize American innovators whose vision, creativity, and brilliance in moving ideas to market or in developing of the nation's technological manpower has had a profound and significant impact on our economy and way of life. The NMTI highlights the national importance of fostering technological innovation based upon solid science, resulting in commercially successful products and services.

Eligibility and Nomination Criteria

Nomination Guidelines containing information on eligibility and nomination criteria are at <http://www.uspto.gov/about/nmti/guidelines.jsp>.