1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT
IRESSA 250 mg film-coated tablets

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION
Each tablet contains 250 mg of gefitinib.
Excipient: Each tablet contains 163.5 mg of lactose (as monohydrate)
For a full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM
Film-coated tablet (tablet).
Tablets are brown, round, biconvex, impressed with “IRESSA 250” on one side and plain on the other.

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS
4.1 Therapeutic indications
IRESSA is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with locally advanced or metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) with activating mutations of EGFR-TK (see section 5.1).

4.2 Posology and method of administration
Treatment with IRESSA should be initiated and supervised by a physician experienced in the use of anticancer therapies.

Posology
The recommended posology of IRESSA is one 250 mg tablet once a day. If a dose of IRESSA is missed, it should be taken as soon as the patient remembers. If it is less than 12 hours to the next dose, the patient should not take the missed dose. Patients should not take a double dose (two doses at the same time) to make up for a forgotten dose.

Paediatric population
There is no relevant indication for use of IRESSA in children and adolescents.

Hepatic impairment
Patients with moderate to severe hepatic impairment (Child Pugh B or C) due to cirrhosis have increased plasma concentrations of gefitinib. These patients should be closely monitored for adverse events. Plasma concentrations were not increased in patients with elevated aspartate transaminase (AST), alkaline phosphatase or bilirubin due to liver metastases (see section 5.2).

Renal impairment
No dose adjustment is required in patients with impaired renal function at creatinine clearance $>20$ ml/min. Only limited data are available in patients with creatinine clearance $\leq 20$ ml/min and caution is advised in these patients (see section 5.2).

Elderly
No dose adjustment is required on the basis of patient age (see section 5.2)
CYP2D6 poor metabolisers
No specific dose adjustment is recommended in patients with known CYP2D6 poor metaboliser genotype, but these patients should be closely monitored for adverse events (see section 5.2).

Dose adjustment due to toxicity
Patients with poorly tolerated diarrhoea or skin adverse reactions may be successfully managed by providing a brief (up to 14 days) therapy interruption followed by reinstatement of the 250 mg dose (see section 4.8). For patients unable to tolerate treatment after a therapy interruption, IRESSA should be discontinued and an alternative treatment should be considered.

Method of administration
The tablet may be taken with or without food, at about the same time each day. The tablet can be swallowed whole with some water or if dosing of whole tablets is not possible, tablets may be administered as a dispersion in water (non-carbonated). No other liquids should be used. Without crushing it, the tablet should be dropped in half a glass of drinking water. The glass should be swirled occasionally, until the tablet is dispersed (this may take up to 20 minutes). The dispersion should be drunk immediately after dispersion is complete (i.e. within 60 minutes). The glass should be rinsed with half a glass of water, which should also be drunk. The dispersion can also be administered through a naso-gastric or gastrostomy tube.

4.3 Contraindications
Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients.
Breast-feeding (see section 4.6)

4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use
Assessment of EGFR mutation status
When assessing the EGFR mutation status of a patient, it is important that a well-validated and robust methodology is chosen to avoid false negative or false positive determinations.

Interstitial lung disease (ILD)
ILD, which may be acute in onset, has been observed in 1.3 % of patients receiving IRESSA, and some cases have been fatal (see section 4.8). If patients experience worsening of respiratory symptoms such as dyspnoea, cough and fever, IRESSA should be interrupted and the patient should be promptly investigated. If ILD is confirmed, IRESSA should be discontinued and the patient treated appropriately.

In a Japanese pharmacoepidemiological case control study in 3159 patients with NSCLC receiving IRESSA or chemotherapy who were followed up for 12 weeks, the following risk factors for developing ILD (irrespective of whether the patient received IRESSA or chemotherapy) were identified: smoking, poor performance status (PS ≥ 2), CT scan evidence of reduced normal lung (≤ 50 %), recent diagnosis of NSCLC (< 6 months), pre-existing ILD, older age (≥ 55 years old) and concurrent cardiac disease. An increased risk of ILD on gefitinib relative to chemotherapy was seen predominantly during the first 4 weeks of treatment (adjusted OR 3.8; 95 % CI 1.9 to 7.7); thereafter the relative risk was lower (adjusted OR 2.5; 95 % CI 1.1 to 5.8). Risk of mortality among patients who developed ILD on IRESSA or chemotherapy was higher in patients with the following risk factors: smoking, CT scan evidence of reduced normal lung (≤ 50 %), pre-existing ILD, older age (≥ 65 years old), and extensive areas adherent to pleura (≥ 50 %).

Hepatotoxicity and liver impairment
Although liver function test abnormalities (including increases in alanine aminotransferase, aspartate aminotransferase, bilirubin) were common, they were rarely observed as hepatitis (see section 4.8). Therefore, periodic liver function testing is recommended. IRESSA should be used cautiously in the presence of mild to moderate changes in liver function. Discontinuation should be considered if changes are severe.
Impaired liver function due to cirrhosis has been shown to lead to increased plasma concentrations of gefitinib (see section 5.2).

**Interactions with other medicinal products**

CYP3A4 inducers may increase metabolism of gefitinib and decrease gefitinib plasma concentrations. Therefore, concomitant administration of CYP3A4 inducers (e.g. phenytoin, carbamazepine, rifampicin, barbiturates or herbal preparations containing St John’s wort/Hypericum perforatum) may reduce efficacy of the treatment and should be avoided (see section 4.5).

In individual patients with CYP2D6 poor metaboliser genotype, treatment with a potent CYP3A4 inhibitor might lead to increased plasma levels of gefitinib. At initiation of treatment with a CYP3A4 inhibitor, patients should be closely monitored for gefitinib adverse reactions (see section 4.5).

International normalised ratio (INR) elevations and/or bleeding events have been reported in some patients taking warfarin together with gefitinib (see section 4.5). Patients taking warfarin and gefitinib concomitantly should be monitored regularly for changes in prothrombin time (PT) or INR.

Medicinal products that cause significant sustained elevation in gastric pH, such as proton-pump inhibitors and H₂-antagonists may reduce bioavailability and plasma concentrations of gefitinib and, therefore, may reduce efficacy. Antacids if taken regularly close in time to administration of IRESSA may have a similar effect (see sections 4.5 and 5.2).

Data from phase II clinical trials, where gefitinib and vinorelbine have been used concomitantly, indicate that gefitinib may exacerbate the neutropenic effect of vinorelbine.

**Lactose**

IRESSA contains lactose. Patients with rare hereditary problems of galactose intolerance, the Lapp lactose deficiency or glucose-galactose malabsorption should not take this medicinal product.

**Further precautions for use**

Patients should be advised to seek medical advice immediately if they experience:

- any eye symptoms.
- severe or persistent diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting or anorexia as these may indirectly lead to dehydration.

These symptoms should be managed as clinically indicated (see section 4.8).

In a phase I/II trial studying the use of gefitinib and radiation in paediatric patients, with newly diagnosed brain stem glioma or incompletely resected supratentorial malignant glioma, 4 cases (1 fatal) of Central Nervous System (CNS) haemorrhages were reported from 45 patients enrolled. A further case of CNS haemorrhage has been reported in a child with an ependymoma from a trial with gefitinib alone. An increased risk of cerebral haemorrhage in adult patients with NSCLC receiving gefitinib has not been established.

### 4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

The metabolism of gefitinib is via the cytochrome P450 isoenzyme CYP3A4 (predominantly) and via CYP2D6.

**Active substances that may increase gefitinib plasma concentrations**

*In vitro* studies have shown that gefitinib is a substrate of p-glycoprotein (Pgp). Available data do not suggest any clinical consequences to this *in vitro* finding.

Substances that inhibit CYP3A4 may decrease the clearance of gefitinib. Concomitant administration with potent inhibitors of CYP3A4 activity (e.g. ketoconazole, posaconazole, voriconazole, protease inhibitors, clarithromycin, telithromycin) may increase gefitinib plasma concentrations. The increase may be clinically relevant since adverse reactions are related to dose and exposure. The increase might
be higher in individual patients with CYP2D6 poor metaboliser genotype. Pre-treatment with itraconazole (a potent CYP3A4 inhibitor) resulted in an 80 % increase in the mean AUC of gefitinib in healthy volunteers. In situations of concomitant treatment with potent inhibitors of CYP3A4 the patient should be closely monitored for gefitinib adverse reactions.

There are no data on concomitant treatment with an inhibitor of CYP2D6 but potent inhibitors of this enzyme might cause increased plasma concentrations of gefitinib in CYP2D6 extensive metabolisers by about 2-fold (see section 5.2). If concomitant treatment with a potent CYP2D6 inhibitor is initiated, the patient should be closely monitored for adverse reactions.

Active substances that may reduce gefitinib plasma concentrations
Substances that are inducers of CYP3A4 activity may increase metabolism and decrease gefitinib plasma concentrations and thereby reduce the efficacy of IRESSA. Concomitant medicinal products that induce CYP3A4 (e.g. phenytoin, carbamazepine, rifampicin, barbiturates or St John’s wort (*Hypericum perforatum*)), should be avoided. Pre-treatment with rifampicin (a potent CYP3A4 inducer) in healthy volunteers reduced mean gefitinib AUC by 83 % (see section 4.4).

Substances that cause significant sustained elevation in gastric pH may reduce gefitinib plasma concentrations and thereby reduce the efficacy of IRESSA. High doses of short-acting antacids may have a similar effect if taken regularly close in time to administration of gefitinib. Concomitant administration of gefitinib with ranitidine at a dose that caused sustained elevations in gastric pH ≥5, resulted in a reduced mean gefitinib AUC by 47 % in healthy volunteers (see section 4.4 and 5.2).

Active substances that may have their plasma concentrations altered by gefitinib
*In vitro* studies have shown that gefitinib has limited potential to inhibit CYP2D6. In a clinical trial in patients, gefitinib was co-administered with metoprolol (a CYP2D6 substrate). This resulted in a 35 % increase in exposure to metoprolol. Such an increase might potentially be relevant for CYP2D6 substrates with narrow therapeutic index. When the use of CYP2D6 substrates are considered in combination with gefitinib, a dose modification of the CYP2D6 substrate should be considered especially for products with a narrow therapeutic window.

Gefitinib inhibits the transporter protein BCRP *in vitro*, but the clinical relevance of this finding is unknown.

Other potential interactions
INR elevations and/or bleeding events have been reported in some patients concomitantly taking warfarin (see section 4.4).

4.6 Pregnancy and lactation

There are no data from the use of gefitinib in pregnant women. Studies in animals have shown reproductive toxicity (see section 5.3). The potential risk for humans is unknown. IRESSA should not be used during pregnancy unless clearly necessary, and women of childbearing potential must be advised not to get pregnant during therapy.

It is not known whether gefitinib is secreted in human milk. Gefitinib and metabolites of gefitinib accumulated in milk of lactating rats (see section 5.3). IRESSA is contraindicated during breast-feeding and therefore breast-feeding must be discontinued while receiving IRESSA therapy (see section 4.3).

4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

IRESSA has no or negligible influence on the ability to drive and use machines. However, during treatment with gefitinib, asthenia has been reported. Therefore, patients who experience this symptom should be cautious when driving or using machines.
4.8 Undesirable effects

In the pooled dataset from the ISEL, INTEREST and IPASS phase III clinical trials (2462 IRESSA-treated patients), the most frequently reported adverse drug reactions (ADRs), occurring in more than 20% of the patients, are diarrhoea and skin reactions (including rash, acne, dry skin and pruritus). ADRs usually occur within the first month of therapy and are generally reversible. Approximately 8% of patients had a severe ADR (common toxicity criteria, (CTC) grade 3 or 4). Approximately 3% of patients stopped therapy due to an ADR.

Interstitial lung disease (ILD) has occurred in 1.3% of patients, often severe (CTC grade 3-4). Cases with fatal outcomes have been reported.

The safety profile presented in Table 1 is based on the gefitinib clinical development programme and postmarketed experience. Adverse reactions have been assigned to the frequency categories in Table 1 based on the incidence of comparable adverse event reports in a pooled dataset from the ISEL, INTEREST and IPASS phase III clinical trials (2462 IRESSA-treated patients).

Frequencies of occurrence of undesirable effects are defined as: very common ($\geq 1/10$); common ($> 1/100$ to $< 1/10$); uncommon ($\geq 1/1,000$ to $< 1/100$); rare ($\geq 1/10,000$ to $< 1/1,000$); very rare ($< 1/10,000$), not known (cannot be estimated from the available data).

Within each frequency grouping, undesirable effects are presented in order of decreasing seriousness.

Table 1 Adverse reactions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Adverse reactions by system organ class and frequency</th>
<th>Very Common</th>
<th>Anorexia mild or moderate (CTC grade 1 or 2).</th>
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<tr>
<td>Metabolism and nutrition disorders</td>
<td>Anorexia mild or moderate (CTC grade 1 or 2).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Eye disorders</td>
<td>Conjunctivitis, blepharitis, and dry eye*, mainly mild (CTC grade 1).</td>
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<td>Vascular disorders</td>
<td>Corneal erosion, reversible and sometimes in association with aberrant eyelash growth.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders</td>
<td>Interstitial lung disease (1.3%), often severe (CTC grade 3-4). Cases with fatal outcomes have been reported.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Gastrointestinal disorders</td>
<td>Diarrhoea, mainly mild or moderate (CTC grade 1 or 2).</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Vomiting, mainly mild or moderate (CTC grade 1 or 2).</td>
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<td>Nausea, mainly mild (CTC grade 1).</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Stomatitis, predominantly mild in nature (CTC grade 1).</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Dehydration, secondary to diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting or anorexia.</td>
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<td><strong>Adverse Reaction</strong></td>
<td><strong>Frequency</strong></td>
<td><strong>Description</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Dry mouth</strong></td>
<td>Uncommon</td>
<td>Dry mouth*, predominantly mild (CTC grade 1).</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Pancreatitis</strong></td>
<td>Very Common</td>
<td>Elevations in alanine aminotransferase, mainly mild to moderate.</td>
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<td><strong>Common</strong></td>
<td>Elevations in aspartate aminotransferase, mainly mild to moderate.</td>
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<td><strong>Elevations in total bilirubin, mainly mild to moderate.</strong></td>
<td>Rare</td>
<td>Hepatitis</td>
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<td><strong>Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders</strong></td>
<td>Rare</td>
<td>Common</td>
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<td><strong>Hepatobiliary disorders</strong></td>
<td>Very Common</td>
<td>Elevations in alanine aminotransferase, mainly mild to moderate.</td>
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<td>Hepatitis</td>
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<td><strong>Rare</strong></td>
<td>Skin reactions, mainly a mild or moderate (CTC grade 1 or 2) pustular rash, sometimes itchy with dry skin, on an erythematous base.</td>
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<td><strong>Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Common</strong></td>
<td>Nail disorder</td>
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<td><strong>Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Rare</strong></td>
<td>Toxic epidermal necrolysis, Stevens Johnson syndrome and erythema multiforme</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Renal and urinary disorders</strong></td>
<td>Very Common</td>
<td>Asymptomatic laboratory elevations in blood creatinine</td>
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<td><strong>Proteinuria</strong></td>
<td>Common</td>
<td>Proteinuria</td>
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<td><strong>General disorders</strong></td>
<td>Very Common</td>
<td>Asthenia, predominantly mild (CTC grade 1).</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Pyrexia</strong></td>
<td>Common</td>
<td>Pyrexia</td>
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Frequency of ADRs relating to abnormal laboratory values is based on patients with a change in baseline of 2 or more CTC grades in the relevant laboratory parameters.

*This event can occur in association with other dry conditions (mainly skin reactions) seen with IRESSA.

**The overall incidence of adverse events of allergic reaction reported in the pooled analysis of the ISEL, INTEREST and IPASS trials was 1.5 % (36 patients). Fourteen of the 36 patients were excluded from the reported frequency as their reports contained evidence of either a non allergic aetiology or that the allergic reaction was the result of treatment with another medicinal product.

**Interstitial lung disease (ILD)**

In the INTEREST trial, the incidence of ILD type events was 1.4 % (10 patients) in the gefitinib group vs. 1.1 % (8) patients in the docetaxel group. One ILD-type event was fatal, and this occurred in a patient receiving gefitinib.

In the ISEL trial, the incidence of ILD-type events in the overall population was approximately 1 % in both treatment arms. The majority of ILD-type events reported was from patients of Asian ethnicity and the ILD incidence among patients of Asian ethnicity receiving gefitinib therapy and placebo was approximately 3 % and 4 % respectively. One ILD-type event was fatal, and this occurred in a patient receiving placebo.
In a post-marketing surveillance study in Japan (3350 patients) the reported rate of ILD-type events in patients receiving gefitinib was 5.8 %. The proportion of ILD-type events with a fatal outcome was 38.6 %.

In a phase III open-label clinical trial (IPASS) in 1217 patients comparing IRESSA to carboplatin/paclitaxel doublet chemotherapy as first-line treatment in selected patients with advanced NSCLC in Asia, the incidence of ILD-type events was 2.6 % on the IRESSA treatment arm versus 1.4 % on the carboplatin/paclitaxel treatment arm.

4.9 Overdose

There is no specific treatment in the event of overdose of gefitinib, and possible symptoms of overdose are not established. However, in phase I clinical trials, a limited number of patients were treated with daily doses of up to 1000 mg. An increase of frequency and severity of some adverse reactions was observed, mainly diarrhoea and skin rash. Adverse reactions associated with overdose should be treated symptomatically; in particular severe diarrhoea should be managed appropriately.

5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Protein kinase inhibitors; ATC code: L01XE02

Mechanism of action
The epidermal growth factor (EGF) and its receptor (EGFR [HER1; ErbB1]) have been identified as key drivers in the process of cell growth and proliferation for normal and cancer cells. EGFR activating mutation within a cancer cell is an important factor in promotion of tumour cell growth, blocking of apoptosis, increasing the production of angiogenic factors and facilitating the processes of metastasis.

Gefitinib is a selective small molecule inhibitor of the epidermal growth factor receptor tyrosine kinase and is an effective treatment for patients with tumours with activating mutations of the EGFR tyrosine kinase domain regardless of line of therapy. No clinically relevant activity has been shown in patients with known EGFR mutation-negative tumours.

First line treatment
The randomised phase III first line IPASS study was conducted in patients in Asia\(^1\) with advanced (stage IIIB or IV) NSCLC of adenocarcinoma histology who were ex-light smokers (ceased smoking > 15 years ago and smoked < 10 pack years) or never smokers (see Table 2).

\(^1\)China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand.

<p>| Table 2 Efficacy outcomes for gefitinib versus carboplatin/paclitaxel from the IPASS study |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Population | N | Objective response rates and 95% CI for difference between treatments | Primary endpoint | Overall survival |
| | | | Progression free survival | |
| Overall | 1217 | 43.0% vs 32.2% [5.3%, 16.1%] | HR 0.74 [0.65, 0.85] | HR 0.91 [0.76, 1.10] |
| | | 5.7 m vs 5.8 m p&lt;0.0001 | 18.6 m vs 17.3 m |</p>
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<th>Population</th>
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<th>Objective response rates and 95% CI for difference between treatments a</th>
<th>Primary endpoint</th>
<th>Overall survival abc</th>
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<td>EGFR mutation-positive</td>
<td>261</td>
<td>71.2% vs 47.3% [12.0%, 34.9%]</td>
<td>HR 0.48</td>
<td>HR 0.78</td>
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<td>9.5 m vs 6.3 m p&lt;0.0001</td>
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<td>NR vs 19.5 m</td>
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<tr>
<td>EGFR mutation-negative</td>
<td>176</td>
<td>1.1% vs 23.5% [-32.5%, -13.3%]</td>
<td>HR 2.85</td>
<td>HR 1.38</td>
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<td>12.1 m vs 12.6 m</td>
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a Values presented are for IRESSA versus carboplatin/paclitaxel.
b “m” is medians in months. Numbers in square brackets are 95% confidence intervals for HR
c From early analysis, overall survival follow up is ongoing
NR Not reached
N Number of patients randomised.
HR Hazard ratio (hazard ratios <1 favour IRESSA)

Quality of life outcomes differed according to EGFR mutation status. In EGFR mutation-positive patients, significantly more IRESSA-treated patients experienced an improvement in quality of life and lung cancer symptoms vs carboplatin/paclitaxel (see Table 3).

**Table 3 Quality of life outcomes for gefitinib versus carboplatin/paclitaxel from the IPASS study**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Population</th>
<th>N</th>
<th>FACT-L QoL improvement rate a %</th>
<th>LCS symptom improvement rate a %</th>
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<td>Overall</td>
<td>115</td>
<td>(48.0% vs 40.8%) p=0.0148</td>
<td>(51.5% vs 48.5%) p=0.3037</td>
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<tr>
<td>EGFR mutation-positive</td>
<td>259</td>
<td>(70.2% vs 44.5%) p&lt;0.0001</td>
<td>(75.6% vs 53.9%) p=0.0003</td>
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<tr>
<td>EGFR mutation-negative</td>
<td>169</td>
<td>(14.6% vs 36.3%) p=0.0021</td>
<td>(20.2% vs 47.5%) p=0.0002</td>
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</table>

Trial outcome index results were supportive of FACT-L and LCS results

a Values presented are for FACT-L and LCS results

N Number of patients evaluable for quality of life analyses
QoL Quality of life
FACT-L Functional assessment of cancer therapy-lung
LCS Lung cancer subscale

**Pretreated Patients**
The randomised phase III INTEREST study was conducted in patients with locally advanced or metastatic NSCLC who had previously received platinum-based chemotherapy. In the overall
population, no statistically significant difference between gefitinib and docetaxel (75 mg/m²) was observed for overall survival, progression free survival and objective response rates (see table 4).

**Table 4 Efficacy outcomes for gefitinib versus docetaxel from the INTEREST study**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Population</th>
<th>N</th>
<th>Objective response rates and 95% CI for difference between treatmentsᵃ</th>
<th>Progression free survivalᵇᵃ</th>
<th>Primary endpoint overall survivalᵇᵃ</th>
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<td>Overall</td>
<td>1466</td>
<td>9.1 % vs 7.6 % [-1.5 %, 4.5 %]</td>
<td>HR 1.04 [0.93, 1.18]</td>
<td>HR 1.02 [0.905, 1.150]ᶜ</td>
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<td>2.2 m vs 2.7 m</td>
<td>p=0.4658</td>
<td>7.6 m vs 8.0 m p=0.7332</td>
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<tr>
<td>EGFR mutation-positive</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>42.1 % vs 21.1 % [-8.2 %, 46.0 %]</td>
<td>HR 0.16 [0.05, 0.49]</td>
<td>HR 0.83 [0.41, 1.67]</td>
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<td>7.0 m vs 4.1 m</td>
<td>p=0.0012</td>
<td>14.2 m vs 16.6 m p=0.6043</td>
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<tr>
<td>EGFR mutation-negative</td>
<td>253</td>
<td>6.6 % vs 9.8 % [-10.5 %, 4.4 %]</td>
<td>HR 1.24 [0.94, 1.64]</td>
<td>HR 1.02 [0.78, 1.33]</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>1.7 m vs 2.6 m</td>
<td>p=0.1353</td>
<td>6.4 m vs 6.0 m p=0.9131</td>
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<td>Asiansᶜ</td>
<td>323</td>
<td>19.7 % vs 8.7 % [3.1 %, 19.2 %]</td>
<td>HR 0.83 [0.64, 1.08]</td>
<td>HR 1.04 [0.80, 1.35]</td>
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<td>2.9 m vs 2.8 m</td>
<td>p=0.1746</td>
<td>10.4 m vs 12.2 m p=0.7711</td>
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<td>Non-Asians</td>
<td>1143</td>
<td>6.2 % vs 7.3 % [-4.3 %, 2.0 %]</td>
<td>HR 1.12 [0.98, 1.28]</td>
<td>HR 1.01 [0.89, 1.14]</td>
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<td>2.0 m vs 2.7 m</td>
<td>p=0.1041</td>
<td>6.9 m vs 6.9 m p=0.9259</td>
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ᵃ Values presented are for IRESSA versus docetaxel.
ᵇ “m” is medians in months. Numbers in square brackets are 96% confidence interval for overall survival HR in the overall population, or otherwise 95% confidence intervals for HR
ᶜ Confidence interval entirely below non-inferiority margin of 1.154
N Number of patients randomised.
HR Hazard ratio (hazard ratios <1 favour IRESSA)
The randomised phase III ISEL study, was conducted in patients with advanced NSCLC who had received 1 or 2 prior chemotherapy regimens and were refractory or intolerant to their most recent regimen. Gefitinib plus best supportive care was compared to placebo plus best supportive care. IRESSA did not prolong survival in the overall population. Survival outcomes differed by smoking status and ethnicity (see Table 5).
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<th>Population</th>
<th>N</th>
<th>Objective response rates and 95% CI for difference between treatments(^{a})</th>
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<td>Overall</td>
<td>1692</td>
<td>8.0% vs 1.3% [4.7%, 8.8%]</td>
<td>HR 0.82 [0.73, 0.92]</td>
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<td>EGFR mutation- positive</td>
<td>26</td>
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<td>HR 0.79 [0.20, 3.12]</td>
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<td>189</td>
<td>2.6% vs 0% [-5.6%, 7.3%]</td>
<td>HR 1.10 [0.78, 1.56]</td>
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<td>Never smoker</td>
<td>375</td>
<td>18.1% vs 0% [12.3%, 24.0%]</td>
<td>HR 0.55 [0.42, 0.72]</td>
<td>HR 0.67 [0.49, 0.92]</td>
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<td>Asians(^{d})</td>
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\(^{a}\) Values presented are for IRESSA versus placebo.
\(^{b}\) “m” is medians in months. Numbers in square brackets are 95% confidence intervals for HR
\(^{c}\) Stratified log-rank test for overall; otherwise cox proportional hazards model
\(^{d}\) Asian ethnicity excludes patients of Indian origin and refers to the racial origin of a patient group and not necessarily their place of birth
N Number of patients randomised
NC Not calculated for overall survival HR as the number of events is too few
NR Not reached
HR Hazard ratio (hazard ratios <1 favour IRESSA)
EGFR mutation status and clinical characteristics

Clinical characteristics of never smoker, adenocarcinoma histology, and female gender have been shown to be independent predictors of positive EGFR mutation status in a multivariate analysis of 786 Caucasian patients from gefitinib studies* (see Table 6). Asian patients also have a higher incidence of EGFR mutation-positive tumours (see Tables 4 and 5).

Table 6 Summary of multivariate logistic regression analysis to identify factors that independently predicted for the presence of EGFR mutations in 786 Caucasian patients*

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<th>Factors that predicted for presence of EGFR mutation</th>
<th>p-value</th>
<th>Odds of EGFR mutation</th>
<th>Positive predictive value (9.5 % of the overall population are EGFR mutation-positive (M+))</th>
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| Smoking status                                      | <0.0001 | 6.5 times higher in never smokers than ever-smokers | 28/70 (40 %) of never smokers are M+  
47/716 (7 %) of ever smokers are M+ |
| Histology                                           | <0.0001 | 4.4 times higher in adenocarcinoma than in non-adenocarcinoma | 63/396 (16 %) of patients with adenocarcinoma histology are M+  
12/390 (3 %) of patients with non-adenocarcinoma histology are M+ |
| Gender                                              | 0.0397  | 1.7 times higher in females than males | 40/235 (17 %) of females are M+  
35/551 (6 %) of males are M+ |

*from the following studies: INTEREST, ISEL, INTACT 1&2, IDEAL 1&2, INVITE

5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

Absorption

Following oral administration of gefitinib, absorption is moderately slow and peak plasma concentrations of gefitinib typically occur at 3 to 7 hours after administration. Mean absolute bioavailability is 59 % in cancer patients. Exposure to gefitinib is not significantly altered by food. In a trial in healthy volunteers where gastric pH was maintained above pH 5, gefitinib exposure was reduced by 47 %, likely due to impaired solubility of gefitinib in the stomach (see sections 4.4 and 4.5).

Distribution

Gefitinib has a mean steady state volume of distribution of 1400 l indicating extensive distribution into tissue. Plasma protein binding is approximately 90 %. Gefitinib binds to serum albumin and alpha 1-acid glycoprotein.

In vitro data indicate that gefitinib is a substrate for the membrane transport protein Pgp.

Metabolism

In vitro data indicate that CYP3A4 and CYP2D6 are the major P450 isozyme involved in the oxidative metabolism of gefitinib.

In vitro studies have shown that gefitinib has limited potential to inhibit CYP2D6. Gefitinib shows no enzyme induction effects in animal studies and no significant inhibition (in vitro) of any other cytochrome P450 enzyme.

Gefitinib is extensively metabolised in humans. Five metabolites have been fully identified in excreta and 8 metabolites in plasma. The major metabolite identified was O-desmethyl gefitinib, which is 14-fold less potent than gefitinib at inhibiting EGFR stimulated cell growth and has no inhibitory effect on tumour cell growth in mice. It is therefore considered unlikely that it contributes to the clinical activity of gefitinib.
The formation of O-desmethyl gefitinib has been shown, in vitro, to be via CYP2D6. The role of CYP2D6 in the metabolic clearance of gefitinib has been evaluated in a clinical trial in healthy volunteers genotyped for CYP2D6 status. In poor metabolisers no measurable levels of O-desmethyl gefitinib were produced. The levels of exposure to gefitinib achieved in both the extensive and the poor metaboliser groups were wide and overlapping but the mean exposure to gefitinib was 2-fold higher in the poor metaboliser group. The higher average exposures that could be achieved by individuals with no active CYP2D6 may be clinically relevant since adverse effects are related to dose and exposure.

Elimination
Gefitinib is excreted mainly as metabolites via the faeces, with renal elimination of gefitinib and metabolites accounting for less than 4 % of the administered dose.

Gefitinib total plasma clearance is approximately 500 ml/min and the mean terminal half-life is 41 hours in cancer patients. Administration of gefitinib once daily results in 2 to 8-fold accumulation, with steady state exposures achieved after 7 to 10 doses. At steady state, circulating plasma concentrations are typically maintained within a 2- to 3-fold range over the 24-hour dosing interval.

Special populations
From analyses of population pharmacokinetic data in cancer patients, no relationships were identified between predicted steady state trough concentration and patient age, body weight, gender, ethnicity or creatinine clearance (above 20 ml/min).

Hepatic impairment
In a phase I open-label study of single dose gefitinib 250 mg in patients with mild, moderate or severe hepatic impairment due to cirrhosis (according to Child-Pugh classification), there was an increase in exposure in all groups compared with healthy controls. An average 3.1-fold increase in exposure to gefitinib in patients with moderate and severe hepatic impairment was observed. None of the patients had cancer, all had cirrhosis and some had hepatitis. This increase in exposure may be of clinical relevance since adverse experiences are related to dose and exposure to gefitinib.

Gefitinib has been evaluated in a clinical trial conducted in 41 patients with solid tumours and normal hepatic function, or moderate or severe hepatic impairment (classified according to baseline Common Toxicity Criteria grades for AST, alkaline phosphatase and bilirubine) due to liver metastases. It was shown that following daily administration of 250 mg gefitinib, time to steady state, total plasma clearance (C_{maxSS}) and steady-state exposure (AUC_{24SS}) were similar for the groups with normal and moderately impaired hepatic function. Data from 4 patients with severe hepatic impairment due to liver metastases suggested that steady-state exposures in these patients are also similar to those in patients with normal hepatic function.

5.3 Preclinical safety data
Adverse reactions not observed in clinical studies, but seen in animals at exposure levels similar to the clinical exposure levels and with possible relevance to clinical use were as follows:

- Corneal epithelia atrophy and corneal translucencies
- Renal papillary necrosis
- Hepatocellular necrosis and eosinophilic sinusoidal macrophage infiltration

Data from in vitro studies indicate that gefitinib has the potential to inhibit cardiac repolarization (e.g. QT interval). The clinical significance of these findings is unknown.

A reduction in female fertility was observed in the rat at a dose of 20 mg/kg/day.

Published studies have shown that genetically modified mice, lacking expression of EGFR, exhibit developmental defects, related to epithelial immaturity in a variety of organs including the skin, gastrointestinal tract and lung. When gefitinib was administered to rats during organogenesis, there were
no effects on embryofoetal development at the highest dose (30 mg/kg/day). However, in the rabbit, there were reduced foetal weights at 20 mg/kg/day and above. There were no compound-induced malformations in either species. When administered to the rat throughout gestation and parturition, there was a reduction in pup survival at a dose of 20 mg/kg/day.

Following oral administration of C-14 labelled gefitinib to lactating rats 14 days post partum, concentrations of radioactivity in milk were 11-19 fold higher than in blood.

Gefitinib showed no genotoxic potential.

A 2-year carcinogenicity study in rats resulted in a small but statistically significant increased incidence of hepatocellular adenomas in both male and female rats and mesenteric lymph node haemangiosarcomas in female rats at the highest dose (10 mg/kg/day) only. The hepatocellular adenomas were also seen in a 2-year carcinogenicity study in mice, which demonstrated a small increased incidence of this finding in male mice at the mid dose, and in both male and female mice at the highest dose. The effects reached statistical significance for the female mice, but not for the males. At no-effect levels in both mice and rats there was no margin in clinical exposure. The clinical relevance of these findings is unknown.

The results of an in vitro phototoxicity study demonstrated that gefitinib may have phototoxicity potential.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

Tablet core:
Lactose monohydrate
Microcrystalline cellulose (E460)
Croscarmellose sodium
Povidone (K29-32) (E1201)
Sodium laurilsulfate
Magnesium stearate

Tablet coating:
Hypromellose (E464)
Macrogol 300
Titanium dioxide (E171)
Yellow iron oxide (E172)
Red iron oxide (E172)

6.2 Incompatibilities

Not applicable.

6.3 Shelf life

4 years.

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Store in the original package in order to protect from moisture.

6.5 Nature and contents of container

PVC/Aluminium blister containing 10 tablets.
3 blisters are combined with an aluminium foil laminate over-wrap-in a carton.

Pack size of 30 film-coated tablets.

6.6 Special precautions for disposal

Any unused product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

AstraZeneca AB
S-151 85
Sodertalje
Sweden

8. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)

9. DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION/RENEWAL OF THE AUTHORISATION

10. DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT

Detailed information on this medicinal product is available on the website of the European Medicines Agency (EMEA) http://www.emea.europa.eu/.
ANNEX II

A. MANUFACTURING AUTHORISATION HOLDER RESPONSIBLE FOR BATCH RELEASE

B. CONDITIONS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION
A. MANUFACTURING AUTHORIZATION HOLDER RESPONSIBLE FOR BATCH RELEASE

Name and address of the manufacturer responsible for batch release

AstraZeneca UK Limited
Macclesfield
Cheshire SK10 2NA
United Kingdom

B. CONDITIONS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORIZATION

• CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS REGARDING SUPPLY AND USE IMPOSED ON THE MARKETING AUTHORIZATION HOLDER

Medicinal product subject to restricted medical prescription (See Annex I: Summary of Product Characteristics, section 4.2).

• CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Not applicable.

• OTHER CONDITIONS

Pharmacovigilance system
The MAH must ensure that the system of pharmacovigilance, as described in version 9.0 presented in Module 1.8.1. of the Marketing Authorisation Application, is in place and functioning before and whilst the product is on the market.

Risk Management Plan
The MAH commits to performing the studies and additional pharmacovigilance activities detailed in the Pharmacovigilance Plan, as agreed in version 4 of the Risk Management Plan (RMP) presented in Module 1.8.2. of the Marketing Authorisation Application and any subsequent updates of the RMP agreed by the CHMP.

As per the CHMP Guideline on Risk Management Systems for medicinal products for human use, the updated RMP should be submitted at the same time as the next Periodic Safety Update Report (PSUR).

In addition, an updated RMP should be submitted
• When new information is received that may impact on the current Safety Specification, Pharmacovigilance Plan or risk minimisation activities
• Within 60 days of an important (pharmacovigilance or risk minimisation) milestone being reached
• At the request of the EMEA.

PSUR
The International Birth Date for IRESSA is 5 July 2009. To allow harmonisation across all countries, 5 July 2009 will be used for the EU Birth Date and for all future European PSURs for gefitinib.
ANNEX III

LABELLING AND PACKAGE LEAFLET
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MINIMUM PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON BLISTERS OR STRIPS

**BLISTER**

1. **NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

IRESSA 250 mg tablets
gefitinib

2. **NAME OF THE MARKETING AUTHORITY/DERISATION HOLDER**

AstraZeneca

3. **EXPIRY DATE**

EXP

4. **BATCH NUMBER**

Lot

5. **OTHER**
## Minimum Particulars to Appear on Blisters or Strips

**Aluminium Foil Laminate Flow Wrap**

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B. PACKAGE LEAFLET
Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.
- If any of the side effects get serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

In this leaflet:

1. What IRESSA is and what it is used for
2. Before you take IRESSA
3. How to take IRESSA
4. Possible side effects
5. How to store IRESSA
6. Further information

1. WHAT IRESSA IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR

IRESSA contains the active substance gefitinib which blocks a protein called ‘epidermal growth factor receptor’ (EGFR). This protein is involved in the growth and spread of cancer cells.

IRESSA is used to treat adults with non-small cell lung cancer. This cancer is a disease in which malignant (cancer) cells form in the tissues of the lung.

2. BEFORE YOU TAKE IRESSA

Do not take IRESSA
- if you are allergic (hypersensitive) to gefitinib or any of the other ingredients of IRESSA (listed in section 6, ‘What IRESSA contains’).
- if you are breast-feeding.

Take special care with IRESSA
Check with your doctor or pharmacist before taking IRESSA
- if you have ever had any other lung problems. Some lung problems may get worse during treatment with IRESSA.
- if you have ever had problems with your liver.

Using other medicines
Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription and herbal medicines.

In particular, tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any of the following medicines:
- Phenytoin or carbamazepine (for epilepsy).
- Rifampicin (for tuberculosis).
- Itraconazole (for fungal infections).
Barbiturates (a type of medicine used for sleeping problems).

- Herbal remedies containing St John’s wort (*Hypericum perforatum*, used for depression and anxiety).
- Proton-pump inhibitors, H₂-antagonists and antacids (for ulcers, indigestion, heartburn and to reduce acids in the stomach).

These medicines may affect the way IRESSA works.

- Warfarin (a so-called oral anticoagulant, to prevent blood clots). If you are taking a medicine containing this active substance, your doctor may need to do blood tests more often.

If any of the above applies to you, or if you are not sure, check with your doctor or pharmacist before taking IRESSA.

**Pregnancy and breast-feeding**

Talk to your doctor before taking this medicine if you are pregnant, may become pregnant or are breast-feeding.

It is recommended that you avoid becoming pregnant during treatment with IRESSA because IRESSA could harm your baby.

Do not take IRESSA if you are breast-feeding.

**Driving and using machines**

IRESSA has no or negligible influence on your ability to drive or use any tools or machines.

However, if you feel weak whilst taking this medicine, take care driving or using tools or machines.

**Important information about some of the ingredients of IRESSA**

This medicine contains lactose. If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicine.

3. **HOW TO TAKE IRESSA**

Always take IRESSA exactly as your doctor has told you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

- The usual dose is one 250 mg tablet per day.
- Take the tablet at about the same time each day.
- You can take the tablet with or without food.
- Do not take antacids (to reduce the acid level of your stomach) 2 hours before or 1 hour after taking IRESSA.

If you have trouble swallowing the tablet, dissolve it in half a glass of still (non-fizzy) water. Do not use any other liquids. Do not crush the tablet. Swirl the water until the tablet has dissolved. This may take up to 20 minutes. Drink the liquid straight away. To make sure that you have drunk all of the medicine, rinse the glass very well with half a glass of water and drink it.

**If you take more IRESSA than you should**

If you have taken more tablets than you should, talk to a doctor or pharmacist straight away.

**If you forget to take IRESSA**

What to do if you forget to take a tablet, depends on how long it is until your next dose.

- If it is 12 hours or more until your next dose: take the missed tablet as soon as you remember. Then take the next dose as usual.
- If it is less than 12 hours until your next dose: skip the missed tablet. Then take the next tablet at the usual time.

Do not take a double dose (two tablets at the same time) to make up for a forgotten dose.

If you have any further questions on the use of this product, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

Like all medicines, IRESSA can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

These side effects may occur with certain frequencies, which are defined as follows:

- **very common**: affects more than 1 user in 10
- **common**: affects 1 to 10 users in 100
- **uncommon**: affects 1 to 10 users in 1,000
- **rare**: affects 1 to 10 users in 10,000
- **very rare**: affects less than 1 user in 10,000
- **not known**: frequency cannot be estimated from the available data.

Tell your doctor immediately if you notice any of the following side effects - you may need urgent medical treatment:

- Allergic reaction (uncommon), particularly if symptoms include swollen face, tongue or throat, difficulty to swallow, hives and difficulties to breathe.
- Serious breathlessness, or sudden worsening breathlessness, possibly with a cough or fever. This may mean that you have an inflammation of the lungs called ‘interstitial lung disease’. This may affect about 1 in 100 patients taking IRESSA and can be life-threatening.
- Severe skin reactions (rare) affecting large areas of your body. The signs may include redness, pain, ulcers, blisters, and shedding of the skin. The lips, nose, eyes and genitals may also be affected.
- Dehydration (common) caused by long term or severe diarrhoea, vomiting (being sick), nausea (feeling sick) or loss of appetite.
- Eye problems (uncommon), such as pain, redness changes in vision or ingrowing eyelashes. This may mean that you have an ulcer on the surface of the eye (cornea).

Tell your doctor if you notice any of the following side effects:

**Very common side effects**

- Diarrhoea
- Vomiting
- Nausea
- Skin reactions such as an acne-like rash, which is sometimes itchy with dry skin
- Loss of appetite
- Weakness
- Dry, red or sore mouth
- Increase of a liver enzyme known as alanine aminotransferase in a blood test; if too high, your doctor may tell you to stop taking IRESSA

**Common side effects**

- Dry, red or itchy eyes
- Red and sore eyelids
- Nail problems
- Hair loss
- Fever
- Bleeding (such as nose bleed or blood in your urine)
- Protein in your urine (shown in a urine test)
- Increase of bilirubin and the other liver enzyme known as aspartate aminotransferase in a blood test; if too high, your doctor may tell you to stop taking IRESSA
- Increase of creatinine levels in a blood test (related to kidney function).
Uncommon side effects

- Inflammation of the pancreas. The signs include very severe pain in the upper part of the stomach area and severe nausea and vomiting.

Rare side effects

- Inflammation of the liver. The signs may include a general feeling of being unwell and yellowing of the skin and eyes (jaundice).

If any of the side effects get serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

5. HOW TO STORE IRESSA

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Do not use IRESSA after the expiry date which is stated on the carton, blister and overwrap foil after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Store in the original package in order to protect from moisture.

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

6. FURTHER INFORMATION

What IRESSA contains

- The active substance is gefitinib. Each tablet contains 250 mg of gefitinib.
- The other ingredients are lactose monohydrate, microcrystalline cellulose (E460), croscarmellose sodium, povidone (K29-32) (E1201), sodium laurilsulfate, magnesium stearate, hypromellose (E464), macrogol 300, titanium dioxide (E171), yellow iron oxide (E172) and red iron oxide (E172).

What IRESSA looks like and contents of the pack

IRESSA is a round brown tablet marked with ‘IRESSA 250’ on one side and plain on the other.

IRESSA comes in blister packs of 30 tablets.

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