## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 21 February 2014

## ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

## Shire plc

File No. 0-29630 - CF# 30596

Shire plc submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form 8-K filed on January 22, 2014.

Based on representations by Shire plc that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit(s) will not be released to the public for the time period(s) specified:

Exhibit 2.1 through December 31, 2018

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

Elizabeth M. Murphy Secretary