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Mr. Brian Johnson
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Par Pharmaceutical Companies, Inc., Rights to Purchase Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on November 5, 2004.

Sincerely,

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