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Ms. Cecile Peters  
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U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
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Dear Ms. Peters:

This is to certify that on October 9, 2007, The Nasdaq Stock Market (the "Exchange") received from Ardea Biosciences, Inc. (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A 12(b) for the registration of the following security:

Common Stock, \$0.001 par value

We further certify that the security described above has been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking immediate acceleration of the effective date of registration, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

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