

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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STANLEY A. KIM, On Behalf of Himself and :
Others Similarly Situated, : FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS
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Plaintiff, :
vs. :
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EPIX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., :
MICHAEL D. WEBB, PEYTON J. :
MARSHALL and ANDREW UPRICHARD. : DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
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Defendants. :
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SUMMARY AND OVERVIEW

1. This is a securities class action on behalf of all purchasers of the publicly traded securities of EPIX Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (EPIX or the ,Company) between July 10, 2003 and January 14, 2005 (the Class Period), against EPIX and certain of its officers and directors for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”).

2. EPIX (formerly known as EPIX Medical Inc.) is a developer of targeted contrast agents that are designed to improve the diagnostic quality of images produced by magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). MRI is an imaging technology for a range of applications, including the identification and diagnosis of a variety of medical disorders.

3. Defendants progressed MS-325, the Company’s principal product in development, through early stage clinical trials. Following completion of those trials, in December 2003, EPIX submitted a New Drug Application (NDA) for MS-325 to the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA). MS-325 is designed to provide visual imaging of the vascular system through a type of MRI known as magnetic resonance angiography (MRA).

4. On or before July 10, 2003, defendants became aware of clinical quality issues with the underlying data for their MS-325 Phase III program. These issues, including the generation of unintelligible imaging scans, made difficult, if not impossible, the proper control of their clinical test results and statistical analysis of the data and results. Defendants knew that, if they were to meet the timelines and expectations of the market, these serious issues would need to be mitigated or overlooked. Stating in their press release of July 10, 2003 that “[t]he consistency of the results shown in all four Phase III studies has demonstrated that MS-325 should enable physicians to make important decisions about the care of their patients with greater confidence and accuracy, defendants reiterated their plan to submit their NDA for MS-325 by the end of 2003.

5. On December 16, 2003, defendants announced the submission of their NDA for MS-325. Defendants continued to conceal the serious problems with their clinical program, specifically the poor quality of the underlying clinical data and problems with the statistical analysis. Defendants instead made positive and encouraging remarks about their extensive scientific and clinical development activities and prospects for product approval.

6. Then, on January 14, 2005, the Company reported shocking news about the MS-325 submission. Although defendants sought to place a positive spin on their receipt of an FDA, approvable action letter for MS-325, the news was far from positive. The FDA had determined that problems with the Phase III clinical trials were so serious that it was impossible for them to come to a conclusion about the efficacy of MS-325. Worse, the FDA noted problems with the underlying data itself, problems that could not be resolved simply on the basis of re-analysis of the data. Thus, defendants delivered a serious setback to investors and, based on their news, the price of EPIX stock plunged 27%, to \$10.67, for a loss of \$3.98 per share, on volume of 11 million shares.

7. The true facts, which were known by each of the defendants but concealed from the

investing public during the Class Period, were as follows:

(a) The EPIX Phase III protocol for MS-325 allowed clinical investigators to substitute their own institutional standard for MRI imaging and the result of the use of different imaging methods to acquire non-contrast MRA comparator, control scans demonstrated great variability from study site to site, seriously impacting the Company's ability make a case for the efficacy of MS-325 and diminishing prospects for product approval;

(b) Clinical investigators generated a large number of uninterpretable images during the Phase III trials, a result rooted in the absence of clear instruction and defective clinical quality standards as to the requirements for performance of test and non-contrast MRA comparator scan controls;

(c) the absence of clear-cut clinical quality management practices to deal with test and control scan problems was responsible for difficulties in the statistical analysis and determination of efficacy of MS-325;

(d) problems with uninterpretable images, multiple standards for acquisition of control scans, deficient clinical quality practices, and difficulties in the statistical analysis and determination of efficacy of MS-325 were known to defendants prior to the submission of the clinical data and results to the FDA; and

(e) problems with the quality of the underlying clinical data and results for the MS-325 NDA were so serious that the product was unlikely to be approved for use by the FDA at the end of the regulatory review cycle.

8. As a result of the defendants' false statements, EPIX shares traded at inflated prices during the Class Period, causing millions of dollars of damage to the Class. On June 3, 2004, as EPIX stock

traded as high as \$24.20 a share, the Company announced the sale of \$100 million (including the over-allotment) in 3.00% convertible senior notes (the Notes), resulting in proceeds of approximately \$96 million to the Company. In connection with that offering, the Company announced on November 3, 2004 that the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) had declared effective its Registration Statement on Form S-3 relating to the resale of its Notes and the shares of its common stock issuable upon conversion of the Notes.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

9. Jurisdiction is conferred by Section 27 of the Exchange Act. The claims asserted herein arise under Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5.

(a) Venue is proper in this District pursuant to Section 27 of the Exchange Act. Many of the false and misleading statements were made in or issued from this District.

(b) The Company's principal executive offices are in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where the day-to-day operations of the Company are directed and managed.

THE PARTIES

10. Plaintiff Stanley A. Kim purchased EPIX securities as described in the attached certification and was damaged thereby.

11. Defendant EPIX is a developer of targeted contrast agents that are designed to improve the diagnostic quality of images produced by MRI. MRI is an imaging technology for a range of applications, including the identification and diagnosis of a variety of medical disorders.

12. Defendant Michael D. Webb was Chief Executive Officer, a director and Secretary of EPIX. During the Class Period, defendant Webb sold 66,254 shares of EPIX stock, for net proceeds of \$1.2 million.

13. Defendant Peyton J. Marshall was Senior Vice President, Finance and Administration

and Chief Financial Officer of EPIX. During the Class Period, defendant Marshall sold 21,500 shares of EPIX stock, for net proceeds of \$372,071.

14. Defendant Andrew Uprichard was President and Chief Operating Officer of EPIX.

15. The individuals named as defendants in ¶¶ 12-14 are referred to herein as the Individual Defendants.

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16. In addition to the above-described involvement, each Individual Defendant had knowledge of EPIX's problems and was motivated to conceal such problems. Defendant Webb, having served as CEO, and defendants Marshall and Uprichard, having served as Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer, respectively, were responsible for press releases and communications issued by the Company. Each Individual Defendant sought to demonstrate that he could lead the Company successfully and generate the growth expected by the market.

FRAUDULENT SCHEME AND COURSE OF BUSINESS

17. Each defendant is liable for: (a) making false statements; or (b) failing to disclose adverse facts known to him about EPIX. Defendants' fraudulent scheme and course of business that operated as a fraud or deceit on purchasers of EPIX publicly traded securities was a success, as it: (i) deceived the investing public regarding EPIX's prospects and business; (ii) artificially inflated the price of EPIX publicly traded securities; (iii) allowed the Company to issue Notes at inflated prices; (iv) allowed defendants to sell \$1.5 million worth of their own shares at inflated prices; and (v) caused plaintiff and other members of the Class to purchase EPIX publicly traded securities at inflated prices.

DEFENDANTS' FALSE AND MISLEADING STATEMENTS ISSUED DURING THE CLASS PERIOD

18. On July 10, 2003, defendants issued a press release entitled, EPIX Announces Results of Final Phase III Trials of MS-325 for MR Angiography; Renal and Pedal MRA Studies Meet Primary Endpoints Supporting Broad Vascular Imaging Indication. The press release stated in part:

Results from EPIX Medical Inc.'s final two Phase III MS-325 clinical trials in patients with suspected vascular disease in the renal and pedal arteries (kidneys and feet) were announced today concurrent with the Eleventh Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (ISMRM) in Toronto. ***Each trial met its primary clinical endpoint, demonstrating statistically significant improvement in accuracy for detecting renal and pedal vascular disease with MS-325-enhanced magnetic resonance angiography (MRA) compared to non-contrast MRA. These final two Phase III studies further support results from previous Phase III studies and will form the basis for the NDA submission planned for later in the year, requesting a broad MRA indication.*** The company expects MS-325 to be the first contrast agent submitted to the FDA for an MRA indication.

We believe that these latest study results, as part of the complete MS-325 Phase III database, will provide a very strong package to support the broad use of MS-325 in MRA, which we see as the next generation of MR contrast, said EPIX CEO Michael D. Webb. Our NDA submission will include the results from all four Phase III MS-325 clinical trials in patients with suspected vascular disease in the aortoiliac, pedal and renal arteries. After recent consultation with the FDA, we continue to believe that our MRA studies in these widely varying vascular areas will support a broad indication for MRA using MS-325.

Previous studies with MS-325 support the safety and efficacy of this novel imaging agent in the aortoiliac region, where blood flow can be turbulent. The results of these final two studies confirm the wide range of vascular beds that can be examined using MS-325 MRA, said Gregory Sorensen, M.D., Associate Professor of Radiology at Harvard Medical School and Medical Director for EPIX. Dr. Sorensen further commented. These Phase III studies show that MS-325 aids the imaging of blood flow to organs such as the kidneys, and areas of slow blood flow such as the feet. The consistency of the results shown in all four Phase III studies has demonstrated that MS-325 should enable physicians to make important decisions about the care of their patients with greater confidence and accuracy.

19. On December 16, 2003, defendants issued a press release entitled, EPIX Submits MS-325 New Drug Application to FDA; Seeks First U.S. Approval for Magnetic Resonance Angiography Indication. The press release stated in part:

EPIX Medical, Inc., a developer of specialty pharmaceuticals for magnetic resonance

imaging (MRI), today announced that it has submitted a New Drug Application (NDA) to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for MS-325, a contrast agent designed specifically for vascular imaging with magnetic resonance angiography (MRA). MS-325 is being co-developed by EPIX and Schering AG, Germany.

EPIX is the first company to seek marketing approval in any country for an MR blood pool agent, a new class of imaging agents expected to expand the clinical use of MRI by providing patients and physicians an innovative means for diagnosing vascular abnormalities. ***The MS-325 NDA is the culmination of an eight-year MRA development program that was discussed with the FDA as the trials progressed. It includes the results of 18 clinical trials, involving 1,438 subjects who received MS-325.*** The MS-325 NDA is the first application for marketing approval for an MR contrast agent to be submitted to the FDA for the primary indication of MRA.

After extensive scientific and clinical development, we are extremely pleased to announce the submission of the MS-325 NDA to the FDA for a broad vascular imaging indication outside the heart, commented Michael D. Webb, President and CEO of EPIX. Currently, the standard diagnostic exam for vascular disease is invasive, catheter-based X-ray angiography. We believe MS-325-enhanced-MRA will provide a valuable alternative to X-ray angiography. In addition, there are a significant number of people with vascular disease who, for medical or other reasons, are unlikely to undergo an X-ray angiogram, and who might benefit from a minimally-invasive MRA exam using MS-325.

An estimated 62 million people in the United States have some form of cardiovascular disease, which can result in atherosclerotic plaque build-up that causes stroke, heart attack, or limb loss, continued Webb. In 2002, there were 4.8million diagnostic angiograms performed in arterial beds outside the heart, and an additional 2.7 million diagnostic angiograms of the coronary arteries. As our population ages, cardiovascular disease is putting an increasing burden on our healthcare system. We believe that MS-325 will address a large and growing medical need, and that both patients and physicians will rapidly adopt this new, less costly procedure.

About MS-325

MS-325 binds reversibly to human serum albumin, brightening the blood for a prolonged period. This feature may allow physicians to collect more meaningful clinical data using widely available MRI equipment to diagnose and characterize vascular disease. MS-325-enhanced MRA is less invasive than current catheter based X-ray angiography, and has the potential to provide health care professionals with an alternative to diagnose and manage patients with vascular disease.

20. On February 17, 2004, defendants issued a press release entitled ,EPIX Announces FDA

Acceptance of Filing of MS-325 NDA; Review of First Drug Developed for MR Vascular Imaging

on Track. The press release stated in part:

EPIX Medical, Inc., a developer of pharmaceuticals for magnetic resonance imaging(MRI), today announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has determined that the New Drug Application (NDA) submitted for MS-325 (gadofosveset) has been accepted for filing by the Agency and has been designated for a standard review cycle. ***Acceptance for filing indicates that the FDA considers the NDA to be complete and ready for review.*** The target date for first FDA action in the standard review cycle is ten months from the December, 2003 date of submission. MS-325, a contrast agent designed specifically for vascular imaging with magnetic resonance angiography (MRA), is being co-developed by EPIX Medical, Inc. and Schering AG, Germany.

The NDA submission for MS-325 was based on the results of a large Phase III clinical trial program that included four separate studies. We have been working actively with the FDA, and are pleased to move to the next stage of the review process, said Michael D. Webb, President and CEO of EPIX. We believe that, if approved, MS-325-enhanced MRA will provide a safer way to perform diagnostic angiography. Given the risks that are associated with catheter X-ray angiography, many patients are contraindicated for either the X-ray contrast agent, or the procedure itself. MS-325 has the potential to help address this important medical need.

21. On June 3, 2004, the Company announced the sale of \$100 million (including the over-allotment) in 3.00% convertible senior notes (the “Notes”), resulting in proceeds of approximately \$96 million to the Company.

22. On November 3, 2004, defendants issued a press release entitled, EPIX Announces Effectiveness of Registration Statement for Resale of 3.00% Convertible Senior Notes Due 2024.

The press release stated in part:

EPIX Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a developer of innovative pharmaceuticals for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), today announced that the Securities and Exchange Commission has declared effective its Registration Statement on Form S-3 relating to the resale of \$100 million aggregate principal amount of its 3.00% convertible senior notes due 2024 (the Notes) and the shares of its common stock issuable upon conversion of the Notes. The Notes were originally issued in a private placement in June 2004.

EPIX will not receive any proceeds from the sale by any selling holder of the Notes or the shares of EPIX common stock issuable upon conversion of the Notes.

THE TRUTH IS REVEALED

23. On January 14, 2005, defendants issued a press release entitled, EPIX Pharmaceuticals Announces Receipt of Approvable Letter from FDA for MS-325; Agency Requests Additional Clinical Studies. The press release stated in part:

EPIX Pharmaceuticals, Inc., announced today that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has completed its review of the new drug application for MS-325 (gadofosveset trisodium), and found it to be approvable. In the approvable letter, the FDA ***requested additional clinical studies to demonstrate efficacy prior to approval.*** MS-325 is the first in a new class of MRI blood pool contrast agents, and is specifically designed for magnetic resonance angiography (MRA).

The FDA indicated that its principal questions continue to relate to the non-contrast MRA comparator scans used in the Phase III trials and to the statistical treatment of uninterpretable images. The letter identified no safety or manufacturing deficiencies.

EPIX is continuing its active dialogue with the FDA in order to determine the next steps the Company will need to take to secure the approval of this first-of-its kind contrast imaging agent. EPIX remains committed to developing MRI cardiovascular imaging pharmaceuticals that enable clinicians to obtain and view clearer scans.

24. During defendants' conference call of January 14, 2005, defendants were pressed to discuss, the timeline of their requirements going forward. Responding to this and similar questions, defendant Webb noted:

I think our history in the four Phase III trials is probably what I'd want to comment on which is that we did conduct the four Phase III trials. They were relatively large. We do have a highly experienced machine here in terms of generating the patient enrollment. ***It takes several months to get a protocol written and submitted and approved through IRBs at various sites.***

The Phase III trials we conducted over the last few years, actual patient enrollment time was 9 to 12 months per trial from first injection to final injection. And then of course the blinded read (ph) and the sufficient and rollup of all the data takes many months on the back of that.

25. The shocking news of January 14, 2005, revealed problems with the MS-325 Phase III clinical program so serious that the FDA required entirely new efficacy studies. These problems

highlight the aggressive promotion during the Class Period of an otherwise highly deficient and defective clinical program for MS-325 by defendants. Based on this news, the price of EPIX's stock plunged 27%, to \$10.67, for a loss of \$3.98 per share, on volume of 11 million shares.

26. The true facts, which were known by each of the defendants but concealed from the investing public during the Class Period, were as follows:

(a) The EPIX Phase III protocol for MS-325 allowed clinical investigators to substitute their own institutional standard for MRI imaging and the result of the use of different imaging methods to acquire non-contrast MRA comparator, control scans demonstrated great variability from study site to site, seriously impacting the Company's ability make a case for the efficacy of MS-325 and diminishing prospects for product approval;

(b) Clinical investigators generated a large number of uninterpretable images during the Phase III trials, a result rooted in the absence of clear instruction and defective clinical quality standards as to the requirements for performance of test and non-contrast MRA comparator scan controls;

(c) the absence of clear-cut clinical quality management practices to deal with test and control scan problems was responsible for difficulties in the statistical analysis and determination of efficacy of MS-325;

(d) problems with uninterpretable images, multiple standards for acquisition of control scans, deficient clinical quality practices, and difficulties in the statistical analysis and determination of efficacy of MS-325 were known to defendants prior to the submission of the clinical data and results to the FDA; and

(e) problems with the quality of the underlying clinical data and results for the

MS-325 NDA were so serious that the product was unlikely to be approved for use by the FDA at the end of the regulatory review cycle.

INSIDER SELLING

27. During the Class Period, defendant Webb sold a total of 66,254 shares of EPIX stock, in accordance with the following schedule, for net proceeds of \$1.2 million:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sold</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Proceeds</u>
09/16/2004	1,900	\$21.30	\$40,470
09/16/2004	1,245	\$21.20	\$26,394
09/16/2004	1,032	\$21.35	\$22,033
09/16/2004	400	\$21.31	\$8,524
09/16/2004	223	\$21.40	\$4,772
09/16/2004	100	\$21.32	\$2,132
09/16/2004	100	\$21.33	\$2,133
09/17/2004	2,500	\$20.83	\$52,075
09/17/2004	2,500	\$20.80	\$52,000
09/21/2004	564	\$20.65	\$11,647
09/23/2004	2,500	\$20.20	\$50,500
09/24/2004	1,526	\$20.35	\$31,054
09/24/2004	1,500	\$20.12	\$30,180
09/24/2004	1,450	\$20.36	\$29,522
09/24/2004	1,000	\$20.12	\$20,120
09/24/2004	978	\$20.25	\$19,805
09/24/2004	338	\$20.16	\$6,814
09/24/2004	72	\$20.37	\$1,467
09/24/2004	72	\$20.53	\$1,478
09/29/2004	1,000	\$19.61	\$19,610
09/30/2004	1,006	\$19.25	\$19,366
09/30/2004	1,000	\$19.35	\$19,350
09/30/2004	462	\$19.30	\$8,917
09/30/2004	462	\$19.20	\$8,870
10/01/2004	1,070	\$19.27	\$20,619
10/01/2004	1,001	\$19.30	\$19,319
10/01/2004	1,000	\$19.16	\$19,160
10/01/2004	269	\$19.45	\$5,232
10/01/2004	230	\$19.32	\$4,444
10/04/2004	2,500	\$19.85	\$49,625
10/07/2004	2,500	\$17.60	\$44,000
10/08/2004	2,500	\$17.90	\$44,750
10/14/2004	1,254	\$16.85	\$21,130
10/15/2004	2,000	\$16.65	\$33,300

10/21/2004	2,160	\$16.25	\$35,100
10/21/2004	340	\$16.25	\$5,525
10/22/2004	2,500	\$16.50	\$41,250
10/22/2004	1,700	\$16.65	\$28,305
10/22/2004	700	\$16.70	\$11,690
10/22/2004	100	\$16.75	\$1,675
10/28/2004	2,500	\$16.10	\$40,250
10/29/2004	1,375	\$15.70	\$21,588
10/29/2004	1,025	\$15.55	\$15,939
10/29/2004	1,000	\$15.60	\$15,600
10/29/2004	1,000	\$15.59	\$15,590
10/29/2004	500	\$15.58	\$7,790
10/29/2004	100	\$15.63	\$1,563
11/03/2004	2,500	\$15.85	\$39,625
11/03/2004	2,500	\$15.75	\$39,375
11/05/2004	1,700	\$16.50	\$28,050
11/05/2004	800	\$16.30	\$13,040
11/10/2004	2,000	\$16.85	\$33,700
11/12/2004	1,000	\$16.85	\$16,850
11/12/2004	1,000	\$16.74	\$16,740
11/12/2004	601	\$16.75	\$10,067
11/12/2004	500	\$16.75	\$8,375
11/12/2004	200	\$16.77	\$3,354
11/12/2004	199	\$16.75	\$3,333
Totals:	66,254		\$1,205,184

28. During the Class Period, defendant Marshall sold a total of 21,500 shares of EPIX stock, in accordance with the following schedule, for net proceeds of \$372,071:

10/04/2004	1,500	\$20.00	\$30,000
10/07/2004	1,500	\$17.65	\$26,475
10/15/2004	1,500	\$16.62	\$24,930
10/22/2004	1,500	\$16.70	\$25,050
10/29/2004	1,500	\$15.68	\$23,520
11/05/2004	1,200	\$16.65	\$19,980
11/05/2004	200	\$16.67	\$3,334
11/05/2004	100	\$16.66	\$1,666
11/12/2004	1,500	\$16.75	\$25,125
11/17/2004	1,500	\$17.05	\$25,575
11/24/2004	1,500	\$16.00	\$24,000
11/29/2004	1,500	\$17.45	\$26,175
12/10/2004	1,500	\$17.72	\$26,580
12/14/2004	1,500	\$18.05	\$27,075
12/21/2004	1,400	\$17.90	\$25,060

12/21/2004	100	\$17.91	\$1,791
12/28/2004	700	\$17.79	\$12,453
12/28/2004	400	\$17.82	\$7,128
12/28/2004	400	\$17.83	\$7,132
01/03/2005	365	\$18.15	\$6,625
<u>01/03/2005</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>\$17.76</u>	<u>\$2,398</u>
Totals:		\$21,500	\$372,071

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

For Violation of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 Against All Defendants

29. Plaintiff incorporates ¶¶ 1-29 by reference.

30. During the Class Period, defendants disseminated or approved the false statements specified above, which they knew or deliberately disregarded were misleading in that they contained misrepresentations and failed to disclose material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

31. Defendants violated Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 in that they:

(a) Employed devices, schemes, and artifices to defraud;

(b) Made untrue statements of material facts or omitted to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or

(c) Engaged in acts, practices, and a course of business that operated as a fraud or deceit upon plaintiff and others similarly situated in connection with their purchases of EPIX publicly traded securities during the Class Period.

32. Plaintiff and the Class have suffered damages in that, in reliance on the integrity of the market, they paid artificially inflated prices for EPIX publicly traded securities. Plaintiff and the Class would not have purchased EPIX publicly traded securities at the prices they paid, or at all, if they had been aware that the market prices had been artificially and falsely inflated by defendants'

misleading statements.

33. As a direct and proximate result of these defendants' wrongful conduct, plaintiff and the other members of the Class suffered damages in connection with their purchases of EPIX publicly traded securities during the Class Period.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

For Violation of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act Against All Defendants

34. Plaintiff incorporates ¶¶ 1-34 by reference.

35. The Individual Defendants acted as controlling persons of EPIX within the meaning of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. By reason of their positions as officers and/or directors of EPIX, and their ownership of EPIX stock, the Individual Defendants had the power and authority to cause EPIX to engage in the wrongful conduct complained of herein. EPIX controlled each of the Individual Defendants and all of its employees. By reason of such conduct, the Individual Defendants and EPIX are liable pursuant to Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

36. Plaintiff brings this action as a class action pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of all persons who purchased EPIX publicly traded securities (the Class) on the open market during the Class Period. Excluded from the Class are defendants.

37. The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. The disposition of their claims in a class action will provide substantial benefits to the parties and the Court. EPIX had more than 23 million shares of stock outstanding, owned by hundreds if not thousands of persons.

38. There is a well-defined community of interest in the questions of law and fact involved in this case. Questions of law and fact common to the members of the Class which predominate over

questions which may affect individual Class members include:

- (a) Whether the Exchange Act was violated by defendants;
 - (b) Whether defendants omitted and/or misrepresented material facts;
 - (c) Whether defendants' statements omitted material facts necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;
 - (d) Whether defendants knew or deliberately disregarded that their statements were false and misleading;
 - (e) Whether the prices of EPIX publicly traded securities were artificially inflated;
- and
- (f) The extent of damage sustained by Class members and the appropriate measure of damages.

39. Plaintiff's claims are typical of those of the Class because plaintiff and the Class sustained damages from defendants' wrongful conduct.

40. Plaintiff will adequately protect the interests of the Class and has retained counsel who are experienced in class action securities litigation. Plaintiff has no interests which conflict with those of the Class.

41. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:

- A. Declaring this action to be a proper class action pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23;
- B. Awarding plaintiff and the members of the Class damages, including interest;
- C. Awarding plaintiff's reasonable costs, including attorneys' fees and expenses; and

D. Awarding such equitable/injunctive or other relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury.

Dated: February 14, 2005

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