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Dear Consultee/Commentator

Health Technology Appraisal

Pemetrexed disodium for the treatment of malignant pleural mesothelioma

Following the outcome of the appeal panel decision sent to you on 15 December 2006. I am writing to you to provide you with an update on the status of this appraisal.

As you are aware this appraisal is being sent back to the Appraisal Committee, where it will be discussed on **6 March 2007** and following this meeting an ACD will be produced and sent to you for consultation as per our normal process. Comments on the ACD will then be fed back to the Committee for discussion on **8 May 2007**, at which stage a FAD will be produced. Once the FAD has been finalised it will distributed to consultees for appeal and commentators for information.

The earliest anticipated launch will be August/September 2007.

If you have any queries regarding this appraisal, please contact the project manager, Reetan Patel (<u>reetan.patel@nice.org.uk</u>).

Yours sincerely

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