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Novartis files its Form 20-F annual report with the US Securities and Exchange Commission

Basel, January 31, 2008 – Novartis has filed its annual report on Form 20-F with the US Securities and Exchange Commission and has posted this document on its website at www.novartis.com. A copy of the Group's traditional annual report is also available on this website. Novartis shareholders may receive a hard copy of either of these documents, each of which contain complete audited financial statements, free of charge, upon request.

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