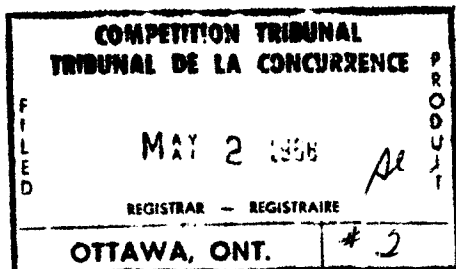


IN THE MATTER OF an application by
the Director of Investigation and
Research pursuant to Section 72 of the
Competition Act, R.S. c. C-23 as amended:

AND IN THE MATTER OF a proposed
acquisition of CDC Life Sciences Inc.
by Institut Mérieux S.A.

B E T W E E N:

THE DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATION AND RESEARCH



Applicant

INSTITUT MÉRIEUX S.A.

Respondent

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION

WHEREAS the Respondent in this matter has confirmed to the Director in a letter from counsel dated April 29, 1988, a copy of which is attached hereto, that it does not intend to proceed with the proposed acquisition of approximately 4,639,000 common shares of CDC Life Sciences Inc. under an offer made by Notice to the Montreal Exchange and the Toronto Stock Exchange dated April 13, 1988;

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Director of Investigation and Research hereby withdraws the application in this matter dated April 28, 1988.

Dated at Hull, Québec, May 2nd, 1988.

Director of Investigation
and Research

TO: Institut Mérieux S.A.,
c/o Messrs Borden & Elliot,
The Bank of Nova Scotia Building,
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AND TO: The Registrar,
Competition Tribunal,
Royal Bank Building,
90 Sparks Street,
Ottawa, Ontario