

## Facsimile Transmission

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**Subject/Title: IMPORT PERMIT FOR TAFENOQUINE**

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**INSTRUCTIONS/COMMENTS**

Dear Rhonda,

Further to our conversation on 9 November 1999, could you please arrange for another import permit for the onward export to Papua New Guinea of tafenoquine (formerly known as etaquine). Tafenoquine is manufactured by SmithKline Beecham (UK) and is currently being trialed in Bougainville (PNG) for the eradication of vivax malaria in Australian Defence Force personnel. The trial commenced in January 1999 and since then AMI has further extended the trial necessitating requests to TGA for additional import permits to bring the drug into Australia and re-exporting the medication to Bougainville. Initial correspondence to TGA from Dr Nasveld is attached providing information on the drug, ethical approval and the requirement of more medication.

In attempting to optimize the dose regimen of tafenoquine, AMI requests that another 3000 capsules be imported into Australia for the above trial. If you require any further information, please contact me on the above number.



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## Attachment:

1. Facsimile requesting import/export permit for etaquine dated 2 November 1998.