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8	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
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12	CATHERINE COFFMAN,	: Case No.
13	Plaintiff,	:
14		: . COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS OF
15	v.	THE FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS
16	ADAMAS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.,	: JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
17	MARTHA J. DEMSKI, WILLIAM W. ERICSON, SPYRIDON	· :
18	PAPAPETROPOULOS, NEIL F. MCFARLANE, ANNA S. RICHO,	:
19	MICHAEL F. BIGHAM, JOHN A.	: :
20	MACPHEE, and DAVID L. MAHONEY,	:
21	Defendants.	:
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23	Plaintiff Catherine Coffman ("Plaintiff"), by and through her undersigned counsel, for he	
24	complaint against defendants, alleges upon personal knowledge with respect to herself, and upor	
25	information and belief based upon, <i>inter alia</i> , the investigation of counsel as to all other allegations	
26	herein, as follows:	
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NATURE OF THE ACTION

- 1. This is an action brough by Plaintiff against Adamas Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Adamas" or the "Company") and the members of its Board of Directors (the "Board" or the "Individual Defendants") for their violations of Sections 14(e) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 78n(e), 78t(a), and to enjoin the expiration of a tender offer (the "Tender Offer") on a proposed transaction, pursuant to which Adamas will be acquired by Supernus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Supernus"), through Supernus's subsidiary Supernus Reef Inc. ("Purchaser") (the "Proposed Transaction").
- 2. On October 11, 2021, Adamas and Supernus issued a joint press release announcing that they had entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated October 10, 2021 (the "Merger Agreement"), to sell Adamas to Supernus. Under the terms of the Merger Agreement, Supernus will acquire all outstanding shares of Adamas for: (i) \$8.10 per share in cash (the "Cash Amount"), plus (ii) two contingent value rights per share (each, a "CVR"), which each represent the right to receive \$0.50 per CVR in cash upon the achievement of certain milestones in connection with the net sales of the Company's product, GOCOVRI (the "Offer Price"). Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, Purchaser commenced the Tender Offer on October 25, 2021. The Tender Offer is scheduled to expire at 12:00 midnight, New York Time, on November 24, 2021 (one minute following 11:59 p.m., New York Time, on November 23, 2021). The Proposed Transaction is valued at approximately \$400 million.
- 3. On October 25, 2021, Adamas filed a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 (the "Recommendation Statement") with the SEC. The Recommendation Statement, which recommends that Adamas stockholders tender their shares in the Tender Offer, omits or misrepresents material information concerning, among other things: (i) Adamas management's financial projections; (ii) the data and inputs underlying the financial valuation analyses that support

the fairness opinion provided by Lazard Freres & Co. LLC ("Lazard"); and (iii) Company insiders' potential conflicts of interest. Defendants authorized the issuance of the false and misleading Recommendation Statement in violation of Sections 14(e) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act.

4. In short, the Proposed Transaction will unlawfully divest Adamas' public stockholders of the Company's valuable assets without fully disclosing all material information concerning the Proposed Transaction to Company stockholders. To remedy defendants' Exchange Act violations, Plaintiff seeks to enjoin the expiration of the Tender Offer unless and until such problems are remedied.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 5. This Court has jurisdiction over the claims asserted herein for violations of Sections 14(e) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act pursuant to Section 27 of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78aa, and 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question jurisdiction).
- 6. This Court has jurisdiction over the defendants because each defendant is either a corporation that conducts business in and maintains operations within this District, or is an individual with sufficient minimum contacts with this District so as to make the exercise of jurisdiction by this Court permissible under traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.
- 7. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because Plaintiff's claims arose in this District, where a substantial portion of the actionable conduct took place, where most of the documents are electronically stored, and where the evidence exists. Adamas is headquartered in this District. Moreover, each of the Individual Defendants, as Company officers or directors, either resides in this District or has extensive contacts within this District.

PARTIES

8. Plaintiff is, and has been at all times relevant hereto, a continuous stockholder of Adamas.



9. Defendant Adamas is a Delaware corporation with its principal executive offices located at 1900 Powell Street, Suite 1000, Emeryville, California 94608. Adamas is a fully integrated company focused on growing a portfolio of therapies to address a range of neurological diseases. Adamas' common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Market under the ticker symbol "ADMS."

- Defendant Martha J. Demski ("Demski") has been a director of the Company since
 March 2014.
- Defendant William W. Ericson ("Ericson") has been a director of the Company since
 2005.
- 12. Defendant Spyridon Papapetropoulos ("Papapetropoulos") has been a director of the Company since November 2020.
- 13. Defendant Neil F. McFarlane ("McFarlane") has been Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and a director of the Company since September 2019.
- 14. Defendant Anna S. Richo ("Richo") has been a director of the Company since August 2020.
- 15. Defendant Michael F. Bigham ("Bigham") has been a director of the Company since September 2016.
- Defendant John A. MacPhee ("MacPhee") has been a director of the Company sinceMay 2013.
- 17. Defendant David L. Mahoney ("Mahoney") has been Board Chair since September 2019 and a director of the Company since 2009. Defendant Mahoney previously served as Lead Independent Director from April 2014 until September 2019.
- 18. Defendants identified in paragraphs 10 to 17 are collectively referred to herein as the "Board" or the "Individual Defendants."



OTHER RELEVANT ENTITIES

- 19. Supernus is a Delaware corporation with its principal executive offices located at 9715 Key West Ave, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Supernus is a biopharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of products for the treatment of central nervous system diseases in the United States. Its commercial products include Trokendi XR, an extended release topiramate product indicated for the treatment of epilepsy, as well as for the prophylaxis of migraine headache; and Oxtellar XR, an extended release oxcarbazepine for the monotherapy treatment of partial onset epilepsy seizures in adults and children between 6 to 17 years of age. Supernus commercial products also comprise APOKYN, a product indicated for the acute intermittent treatment of hypomobility or off episodes in patients with advanced Parkinson's Disease ("PD"); XADAGO, a product indicated as adjunctive treatment to levodopa/carbidopa in patients with PD experiencing off episodes; and MYOBLOC, a Type B toxin product indicated for the treatment of cervical dystonia and sialorrhea in adults. Supernus's common stock trades on the Nasdaq Global Market under the ticker symbol "SUPN."
 - 20. Purchaser is a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Supernus.

SUBSTANTIVE ALLEGATIONS

Company Background

21. Formerly known as NeuroMolecular Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Adamas focuses on the discovery, development, and commercialization of medicines for patients suffering from chronic neurologic disorders in the United States. It offers GOCOVRI, an extended release capsule for the treatment of dyskinesia in patients with Parkinson's disease receiving levodopa-based therapy, with or without concomitant dopaminergic medications, as well as an adjunctive treatment to levodopa/carbidopa in patients with Parkinson's disease experiencing OFF episodes; and OSMOLEX ER, an extended release tablet to treat Parkinson's disease and drug-induced extrapyramidal reactions



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