

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
February 2, 2010**

**ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc.

File No. 0-19319 - CF#24310

Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc. submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting an extension of a previous grant of confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a 8-K filed on July 19, 2004.

Based on representations by Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc. that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit(s) will not be released to the public for the time period(s) specified:

Exhibit 99.2 through November 9, 2013

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

Daniel Greenspan
Special Counsel