UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION July 15, 2020

ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Pfenex Inc.

File No. 1-36540 - CF#33846

Pfenex 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 Form 10-Q filed on May 9, 2016.

Based on representations by Pfenex 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 exhibits will not be released to the public for the time period specified:

Exhibit 10.1 through August 9, 2023 Exhibit 10.4 through August 9, 2023

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

Patti J. Dennis Chief, Office of Disclosure Support