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**SALES OF PRILOSEC® (LOSEC®) IN THE U.S. UP 35 PERCENT
IN 1998**

Total sales of Prilosec (Losec) in the U.S. during the fourth quarter of 1998 amounted to USD 850 (1997: 655) m., an increase of 30 percent.

Total sales of Prilosec during the period January - December 1998 amounted to USD 3,015 (2,240) m., an increase of 35 percent, corresponding to approximately SEK 23,900 (17,100) m. Total prescriptions rose by approximately 30 percent during the first eleven months.

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