

Astellas Announces Cancellation of Treasury Shares

Tokyo, Japan, May 12, 2014 – Astellas Pharma Inc. (Tokyo: 4503; President and CEO: Yoshihiko Hatanaka, hereinafter called "the Company") announced that at the meeting of the Board of Directors held today, a resolution was adopted that the Company will cancel its treasury shares, pursuant to Article 178 of the Japanese Corporate Law.

Particulars		
1.	Class of shares to be cancelled	Common stock of the Company
2.	Number of shares to be cancelled	25 million shares
		(Representing 1.09% of issued shares prior to cancellation)
3.	Cancellation date	May 30, 2014

(Reference)

1. Following cancellation, the Company will have 2,259,823,175 issued shares.

2. Total number of the Company's treasury shares after cancellation will be 28,681,395.

(Expected numbers of shares described above 1 and 2 are the converted numbers in accordance with the stock split, as announced in its press release dated February 28, 2014, "Astellas Announces Stock Split and Partial Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation", on the basis of the issued shares and the Company's treasury shares as of March 31, 2014, respectively.)

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