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Astellas Assigns All Outstanding Shares of Its Production Subsidiary to Choseido

Japan, March 26, 2007 - Astellas Pharma Inc. (“Astellas”; Headquarters: Tokyo; President and CEO: Masafumi Nogimori) and Choseido Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd. (“Choseido”; Headquarters: Tokushima, President and CEO: Hisaaki Harima) today announced that they have agreed to transfer all outstanding shares of fully owned production subsidiary of Astellas, Hoshienu Pharma Inc. (“Hoshienu”; Headquarters: Gojyo, Nara; President: Masaharu Ichihara), to Choseido.

This decision has been made in accordance with the concern that Astellas concentrates its managerial resources on its ethical pharmaceutical business to maximize its corporate value. Choseido has concluded that acquiring Hoshienu is beneficial in order to reinforce its business capacity. The transaction is scheduled to close on March 30, 2007. After Choseido’s acquisition of Hoshienu, the employment of all Hoshienu management and employees will be maintained.

[About Hoshienu Pharma Inc.]

Company:	Hoshienu Pharma Inc.
President:	Masaharu Ichihara
Location:	1380 Sumikawa-cho Gojyo-shi, Nara, Japan
Foundation:	October 1962
Operations:	production of pharmaceuticals and quasi-drugs
Employees:	67 (as of February 28, 2007)
Capital:	75 million yen
Ownership:	100% owned by Astellas Pharma Inc.
Manufacturing sites:	Gojyo plant, Takatori plant
Major Products:	comprehensive cold medicine(Precol), vitamin supplement (Neuvita)
Key accounts:	(suppliers) Daiichi Yakuhin Co., Ltd., Osaka Glass Industry Co., Ltd., Siguma P.I. Co., Ltd., Sakamoto Printing, Inc. (customers) Zepharmaceutical Inc, Astellas Pharma Inc.

[About Choseido Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.]

Company: Choseido Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.
President: Hisaaki Harima
Location: 92 Kou, Kokufu-cho Tokushima-shi, Tokushima, Japan
Foundation: December 1947
Operations: production of drugs and quasi-drugs
Employees: 250 (as of March 20, 2007)
Capital: 340 million yen
Key accounts: (suppliers) Nippon Bulk Yakuhin Co.,Ltd., Shiono Chemical Co., Ltd.,
Kongo Yakuhin Co., Ltd., Alfresa Pharma Corporation,
Daito Co.,Ltd.
(customers) Mitsubishi Pharma Corporation, Merck Seiyaku Ltd.,
Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., Taiho Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.

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