

April 24, 2008

Change of Representative Directors

Astellas Pharma Inc. (“the Company”, headquarters: Tokyo; President and CEO: Masafumi Nogimori) today announced that it has decided to change Directors including Representative Director at the Board of Directors meeting held on April 24, 2008. These changes are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors meeting to be held on June 24, 2008, following the general shareholders meeting of the Company scheduled on the same day.

1. New Representative Director

<u>New Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Position</u>
Representative Director, Executive Vice President	Yasuo Ishii	Senior Corporate Executive

2. Directors to be retired

Hatsuo Aoki (Current position: Representative Director and Co-Chairman)

Toshinari Tamura (Current position: Representative Director, Executive Vice President)

Koji Furukawa (Current position: Outside Director)

*Toichi Takenaka, current Representative Director and Co-Chairman, will change its position to Representative Director and Chairman.

[The Board of Directors and the Board of Auditors after June 24, 2008 (Planned)]

Members of the Board

Toichi Takenaka (Representative Director and Chairman)
Masafumi Nogimori (Representative Director, President and CEO)
Yasuo Ishii (Representative Director, Executive Vice President)
Makoto Matsuo (Outside Director)
Takashi Yamane (Outside Director)
Takako Ebata (Outside Director)
Takao Saruta (Outside Director)

Corporate Auditors

Osamu Nagai (Corporate Auditor)
Shigeo Aoyagi (Corporate Auditor)
Hideo Yamada (Outside Corporate Auditor)
Kiyomi Saito (Outside Corporate Auditor)

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