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Astellas' Environmental Initiatives Program in Ireland -Construction of Wind Turbine Power Generation Station and Wood Chip Boiler System -

Tokyo, March 7, 2011 - [Astellas Pharma Inc.](#) (“Astellas”, TSE: 4503) today announced that Astellas Ireland Co., Ltd.(“Astellas Ireland”), its European manufacturing subsidiary, plans to install an 800 kW wind turbine power generation station and a 1.8 MW wood chip boiler system at its Kerry Plant in Ireland as part of its corporate environmental initiative program of utilizing renewable energy. The combined construction of the station and the boiler system is expected to reduce the plant’s carbon dioxide emissions by over 3,000 tons per year.

The formal planning approval of the construction of the wind turbine power generation station was received in November 2010 and the construction of the station is scheduled to start in April 2011 with completion anticipated in January 2012. The wind turbine will have a tower height of 73 meters, a rotor blade diameter of 53 meters, an overall base to tip height of 99 meters. The station will generate approximately 20% of the plants electrical requirements and reduce the plant’s carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions by over 1,000 and 4 tons per year, respectively.

A planning application has been submitted by Astellas for the construction and operation of a wood chip boiler on the company’s site in Kerry. As soon as planning approval is received it will start the installation and the completion of the installation of this system is anticipated in April 2012. The boiler will burn wood chip sourced from sustainably managed forests within a 30km radius from the plant. The boiler will reduce the plant’s carbon dioxide emissions by over 2,000 tons per year.

Astellas Ireland’s Kerry Plant manufactures a range of treatments, including the immunosuppressant Prograf[®] which are supplied globally. The plant employs approximately 300 employees to support all aspects of drug formulating and packaging process. In addition to Astellas Ireland’s focus upon strict management of product quality and stable provision of the various global products it manufactures, it also seeks to implement measures designed to protect the environment.

Astellas places a high priority in its management activities upon measures designed to prevent global warming, and it aggressively employs state-of-the-art technologies and renewable energy sources in its Group-wide strategies. Energy saving technologies such as fuel conversion, heat pump, and natural lighting are being implemented at research and development facilities within Japan. Furthermore 1,596 hybrid and 5 electric cars have been included in the fleet of vehicles used by medical representatives in their marketing activities. Moreover, Astellas uses containers that do not employ chlorofluorocarbons in their delivery method for spray products as part of its efforts to reduce greenhouse gasses.

This press release is part of Astellas' ongoing efforts to keep the public informed of the Company's efforts to reduce greenhouse gasses emissions and protect the global environment.



Image picture of the planned wind power generation facility at the Kerry Plant

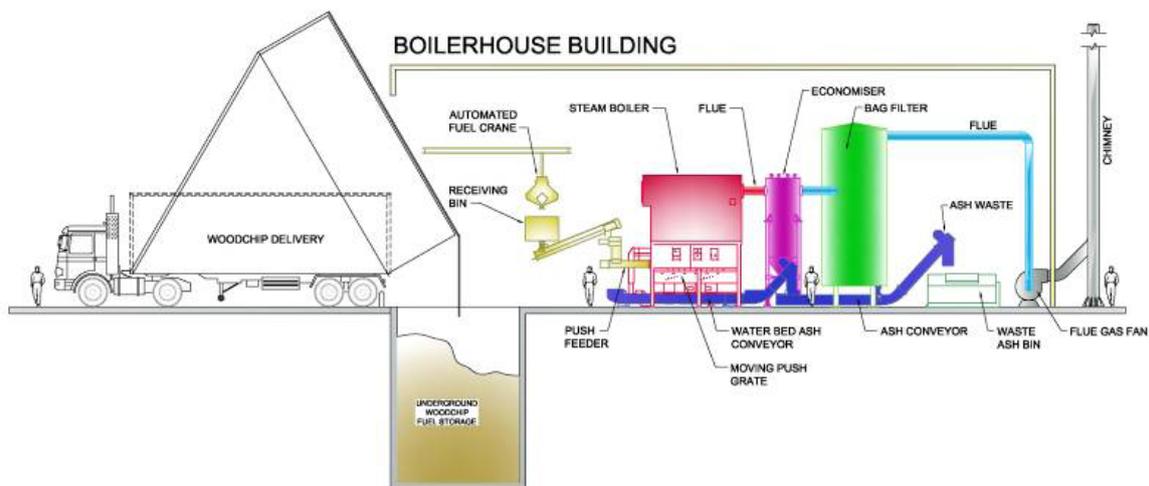


Diagram of the planned biomass boiler system at the Kerry Plant

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Astellas Pharma Inc., located in Tokyo, Japan, is a global pharmaceutical company dedicated to improving the health of people around the world through the provision of innovative and reliable pharmaceutical products. Astellas has approximately 16,000 employees worldwide. The organization is committed to becoming a global category leader in urology, immunology and infectious diseases, neuroscience, DM complications and metabolic diseases and oncology. For more information on Astellas Pharma Inc., please visit our website at <http://www.astellas.com/en>.

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