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## **Astellas Announces Dissolution of Astellas Insurance Service and Transfer of its Insurance Agency Business**

Japan, December 20, 2006 - Astellas Pharma Inc. (“Astellas,” headquarters: Tokyo, president and CEO: Masafumi Nogimori) today announced that Astellas agreed and entered into a contract for the transfer of the insurance agency business, the main business of its subsidiary, Astellas Insurance Service Co., Ltd. (“Astellas Insurance Service,” headquarters: Tokyo, President: Tamito Maeba), to GINSEN co., ltd. (“GINSEN,” headquarters: Osaka, President: Susumu Shimazu) on January 4, 2007. Astellas has also decided to dissolve Astellas Insurance Service on March 31, 2007 with the transfer of business to GINSEN.

Astellas has decided this transfer in accordance with that Astellas aims at the sustainable enhancement of the enterprise value by concentrating on the management source to the pharmaceutical business. Following the transfer of the main business of Astellas Insurance Service, almost all of the employees of Astellas Insurance Service will be transferred to GINSEN.

### Particulars

#### 1. Reason for the dissolution

The insurance agency business, the main business of Astellas Insurance Service, will be transferred to GINSEN on January 4, 2007.

#### 2. Outline of the subsidiary to be dissolved (as of September 30, 2006)

(1) Trade name	Astellas Insurance Service Co., Ltd.
(2) Summary of business	Insurance agency business
(3) Establishment	April 1, 2005
(4) Headquarters	2-3-11, Nihonbashi-Honcho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo
(5) Representative	Representative director: Tamito Maeba
(6) Capital	¥ 10 million
(7) Total number of outstanding shares	200
(8) Shareholders' equity	¥ 354 million
(9) Total assets	¥ 635 million
(10) Fiscal year-end	March 31
(11) Number of employees	Approximately 30
(12) Main client	Astellas Pharma Inc.
(13) Major shareholder and shareholding ratio	Astellas Pharma Inc.; 100%
(14) Main bank	Mitsubishi-UFJ Bank, Mizuho Bank
(15) Sales and profits in the last 3 years are not disclosed	

3. Profits and losses following the transfer and the dissolution

Astellas expects to gain special profits during the fiscal year 2006 following the business transfer to GINSEN. However, the impact on Astellas' business performance will be minimal.

4. Time schedule for the transfer and the dissolution

- December 20, 2006: entering into a contract for the business transfer to GINSEN
- January 4, 2007: transfer of the insurance agency business to GINSEN
- March 31, 2007: dissolution of Astellas Insurance Service

5. Future prospects

The effect of the dissolution of Astellas Insurance Service on Astellas' business performance will be minimal since its sales are small compared to the consolidated sales of Astellas.

Reference: Outline of GINSEN is described below.

Company Name: GINSEN co., ltd.  
President and CEO: Susumu Shimazu  
Location: 4-6-12 Koraibashi Chuo-ku, Osaka  
Establishment: May, 1954  
Business Description: casualty insurance agency business, life insurance agency business, real estate business  
Employees: approximately 700  
Paid in Capital: ¥ 370 million  
Sales: ¥ 21.1 billion (year ending March 31, 2006)\*

\*The amount includes GINSEN and its three affiliated companies sales .

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