

News Release

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Astellas Set Up The Nomination Committee and The Compensation Committee

Japan, June 26, 2007 - Astellas Pharma Inc. ("Astellas"; Headquarters: Tokyo; President and CEO: Masafumi Nogimori) has today announced that the Board of Directors of the Company has set up the Nomination Committee and the Compensation Committee.

Astellas decided on April 26, 2007 to set up the Nomination Committee and the Compensation Committee as of June 26, 2007 in order to further improve transparency and objectivity in the process of the deliberation on personnel matters and the compensation system. After setting up these committees, the Nomination committee will discuss the nomination and removal of the members of the Board, Corporate Officers and Corporate Auditors, and the Compensation Committee will discuss compensation-related issues with regard to the Board members and Corporate Officers. Both committees will recommend the conclusion by the committees to the Board of Directors. These committees have been set up as private advisory councils of the Board of Directors, and are not statutory committees of the "Company with Committees" under the Companies Act.

Members of the Nomination Committee and the Compensation Committee

Toichi Takenaka Representative Director and Co-Chairman

Masafumi Nogimori Representative Director, President and CEO

Makoto Matsuo Outside Director

Takashi Yamane Outside Director

Takako Ebata Outside Director

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^{*}The members listed serve as members of both committees.