

August 28, 2007

**Astellas Announces Acquisition of The Company's Own Shares**  
(Share buyback pursuant to the provision of its Articles of Incorporation in accordance with Article 165, paragraph 2 of the Companies Act)

Japan, August 28, 2007 – Astellas Pharma Inc. (“the Company”, headquarters: Tokyo, President and CEO: Masafumi Nogimori) announced that at the meeting of the Board of Directors held today, a resolution was adopted that the Company will acquire its own shares pursuant to Article 156 which is applicable in accordance with Article 165, paragraph 3 of the Companies Act:

## Particulars

1. Reasons for the acquisition of its own shares  
In order to improve capital efficiency and enhance return to shareholders
  
2. Contents of acquisition
  - (1) Class of shares to be acquired: Common stock of the Company
  - (2) Total number of shares to be acquired: 8.3 million shares (Maximum)  
(The percentage compared to the total number of shares issued:1.60%)
  - (3) Aggregate amount of acquisition cost: 45 billion yen (Maximum)
  - (4) Period of acquisition: From August 29, 2007 to September 20, 2007

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