

News Release

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Astellas Announces Acquisition of Treasury Shares

(Acquisition of Treasury Shares pursuant to the provision of its Articles of Incorporation in accordance with Article 165, paragraph 2 of the Companies Act)

Japan, November 22, 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 acquisition of Treasury 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 Treasury Shares
 In order to improve capital efficiency and enhance return to shareholders
- 2. Contents of acquisition

(1) Class of shares subject to be acquired: Common stock of the Company

(2) Total number of shares to be possibly acquired:

8 million shares (Maximum)

(The percentage compared to the total number of issued shares (excluding Treasury

Shares):1.58%)

(3) Aggregate amount of acquisition cost: 40 billion yen (Maximum)

(4) Period of acquisition: From December 3, 2007 to January 18, 2008

(Reference) The status of Treasury Shares as of October 31, 2007

Total number of issued shares (excluding Treasury Shares):

506,071,772 shares

Number of Treasury Shares: 12,892,863 shares

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