

April 25, 2011

Astellas Announces Changes of Representative Directors, Directors and Corporate Auditors

Tokyo, Japan, April 25, 2011 - Astellas Pharma Inc. (“Astellas”; headquarters: Tokyo; President and CEO: Masafumi Nogimori) announced that, at a meeting of its Board of Directors held today, it decided changes of Representative Directors, Directors and Corporate Auditors as well as Corporate Executive as stated below. Changes of Representative Directors are subject to the further approval of the Board of Directors meeting to be held on June 20, 2011, following the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled for the same day.

[Changes of Representative Directors]

Masafumi Nogimori	(New) Representative Director and Chairman (Current) Representative Director, President and CEO
Yasuo Ishii	(New) Representative Director and Vice Chairman (Current) Representative Director, Executive Vice President and CSMO
Yoshihiko Hatanaka	(New) Representative Director, President & CEO (Current) Senior Corporate Executive, CFO and Chief Strategy Officer

* Simultaneously with the changes above, Toichi Takenaka, Representative Director and Chairman, will be retiring.

Effective date of changes: June 20, 2011

Reason for changes: Those changes are decided in order to pursue Astellas’ growth strategies more vigorously by new leader.

[Candidates of Directors]

Director Yoshihiko Hatanaka

Outside Director Naoki Aikawa

[Directors to be retired]

Director Toichi Takenaka

Outside Director Takao Saruta

[Candidate of Corporate Auditor]

Corporate Auditor Seigo Kashii

[Corporate Auditor to be retired]

Corporate Auditor Osamu Nagai

[The Board of Directors and the Board of Auditors as from June 20, 2011 (planned)]

Member of the Board

Masafumi Nogimori (Representative Director and Chairman)

Yasuo Ishii (Representative Director and Vice Chairman)

Yoshihiko Hatanaka (Representative Director, President and CEO)

Shiro Yasutake (Outside Director)

Yasuyuki Takai (Outside Director)

Kanoko Oishi (Outside Director)

Naoki Aikawa (Outside Director)

Corporate Auditors

Shigeo Aoyagi (Corporate Auditor)

Seigo Kashii (Corporate Auditor)

Hideo Yamada (Outside Corporate Auditor)

Yukiko Kuroda (Outside Corporate Auditor)

[Change of Corporate Executive]

Yoshiro Miyokawa

(new) Executive Vice President, CAO

(Current) Senior Corporate Executive, CAO

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Curriculum Vitae

Name: Yoshihiko Hatanaka

Date of Birth: April 20, 1957

-Education-

March 1980 Hitotsubashi University Bachelor of Economics

-Business Experience-

April 2009 Senior Corporate Executive, CFO and Chief Strategy Officer
Astellas Pharma Inc.

June 2008 Senior Corporate Executive, Astellas Pharma Inc. and President & CEO, Astellas US
LLC and Astellas Pharma US, Inc.

April 2006 Corporate Executive, Astellas Pharma Inc. and President & CEO, Astellas US LLC and
Astellas Pharma US, Inc.

June 2005 Corporate Executive, Vice President, Corporate Planning
Astellas Pharma Inc.

April 2005 Vice President, Corporate Planning
Astellas Pharma Inc.

April 2003 Vice President, Corporate Planning
Fujisawa Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.

April 1980 Joined Fujisawa Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.