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Dear Sirs:

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**Notification of Assignment to ASKA Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. of Domestic
Marketing Businesses of KYOWA HAKKO BIO Co., Ltd. Related to the Fields of
Stockbreeding and Fishery**

On December 7, 2009, ASKA Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (headquarter located in Minato-ku, Tokyo; CEO: Takashi Yamaguchi; hereafter referred to as "ASKA Pharmaceutical") and KYOWA HAKKO BIO Co., Ltd. (headquarter located in Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; CEO: Shuichi Ishino; hereafter referred to as "KYOWA HAKKO BIO") concluded an agreement by which the domestic marketing businesses of KYOWA HAKKO BIO related to the fields of stockbreeding and fishery is assigned to ASKA Pharmaceutical. Assignment is scheduled to be effective on April 1, 2010.

KYOWA HAKKO BIO is developing the businesses of stockbreeding and fishery in fields such as feedstuff, feed additives, and antiseptics for stockbreeding on the basis of fermentative production technologies including sorts of amino acids, foodstuff and antibiotics for fishery, and supplements for companion animals. ASKA Pharmaceutical is developing business related to drugs for animals including hormones for stockbreeding.

ASKA Pharmaceutical considers business related to drugs for animals as one of its core fields and therefore believes that the assignment of the businesses of stockbreeding and fishery from KYOWA HAKKO BIO will expand and reinforce its business fields through the fortification of product lineup in business related to drugs for animals, thus allowing it to expect the further growth and development of the said businesses.

Furthermore, KYOWA HAKKO BIO will continue to focus on its anchor fields such as drugs and raw materials for healthy foods while intending to promote the streamlining of its management resources.

[Background materials]

1. Scheduled date of business assignment: April 1, 2010

2. Brief summary of animal drug-related business of ASKA Pharmaceutical

Sales amount: approximately 1.1 billion yen (as of March 2009)

Contents of business: related to stockbreeding, related to small animals, etc.

Anchor products: Serotropin[®] (drug for stockbreeding/reproduction; drug for animals)

Resipron[®]-C (drug for stockbreeding/reproduction; drug for animals)

Prid[®] Teizo (drug for stockbreeding/reproduction; drug for animals)

Uroace[®] Tablets (drug for small animals; drug for animals)

3. Brief summary of stockbreeding and fishery business of KYOWA HAKKO BIO

Sales amount: approximately 2.6 billion yen (as of March 2009)

Contents of business: marketing of products related to stockbreeding, products related to fishery, products related to small animals, etc.

Anchor products: L-lysine, L-valine, phytase, driselase, etc. (additives for foodstuff)

Thiola[®] injection for animals, nanaomycin oleum Kyowa, etc. (drugs for animals)

Green Muscle E Kyowa, E & D, etc. (products related to small animals)