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DAIICHI SANKYO Announces New Executive Candidates

Tokyo, May 12, 2009 - Daiichi Sankyo Company, Limited has announced that its Board of Directors decided at meeting today to nominate the persons below as candidates for Members of the Board at the annual meetings of shareholders slated for June, 2009.

1. DAIICHI SANKYO CO., LTD.

(The annual meeting of shareholders will be held on June 26, 2009)

Candidate for new appointment as Member of the Board

Takeshi Ogita (Current Senior Executive Officer of Human Resources / R&D)

Akio Ozaki (current Member of the Board) will step down to become Corporate Adviser at Daiichi Sankyo Co., Ltd.

2. DAIICHI SANKYO PROPHARMA CO.,LTD.

(The annual meeting of shareholders will be held on June 22, 2009)

Katsuhiko Asada (current Member of the Board) will step down to become Corporate Adviser at Daiichi Sankyo Propharma Co., Ltd.

3. DAIICHI SANKYO RD ASSOCIE CO., LTD.

(The annual meeting of shareholders will be held on June 22, 2009)

Tomio Kimura (current Member of the Board), Toshiro Minotani (current Member of the Board), and Homutomo Sayama (current Member of the Board) will step down to become Corporate Advisers at Daiichi Sankyo RD Associe Co., Ltd.

4. DAIICHI SANKYO LOGISTICS CO., LTD.

(The annual meeting of shareholders will be held on June 22, 2009)

Takashi Yokota (current Member of the Board) will step down to become Corporate Adviser at Daiichi Sankyo Logistics Co., Ltd.

5. DAIICHI SANKYO HEALTHCARE CO., LTD.

(The annual meeting of shareholders will be held on June 22, 2009)

Candidates for new appointment as Member of the Board

Yoshikazu Yokomaku (Current Executive Officer and Head of Sales Division)

Yoshiki Nishii (Current Corporate Officer, Deputy Head of Sales Division and General

Manager of Sales Planning Department)

Hidetoshi Imaizumi (current Member of the Board), Moriya Ideguchi (current Member of the Board), and Masaji Ohe (current Member of the Board) will step down to become Corporate Advisers at Daiichi Sankyo Healthcare Co., Ltd.

6. ASUBIO PHARMA CO., LTD.

(The annual meeting of shareholders will be held on June 23, 2009)

Candidate for new appointment as Independent Director

Takeshi Ogita (Current Senior Executive Officer of Daiichi Sankyo Co., Ltd.)

Hitoshi Matsuda (current Member of the Board and Senior Executive Officer of Daiichi Sankyo Co., Ltd.) and Tsutomu Une (current Member of the Board and Senior Executive Officer of Daiichi Sankyo Co., Ltd.) will retire from Independent Directors of Asubio Pharma Co., Ltd.