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DAIICHI SANKYO COMPANY, LIMITED
Lead Chemical Co., Ltd.

**The Percutaneous Absorption-Type Analgesic and Anti-inflammatory Drug
Loxonin[®] Tape 50mg/100mg
Receives Approval for Manufacture and Marketing**

Tokyo, March 12, 2008 – DAIICHI SANKYO COMPANY, LIMITED (President and representative director: Takashi Shoda) and Lead Chemical Co., Ltd. (President: Masao Mori) today announced that they received an approval for manufacture and marketing of the percutaneous absorption-type analgesic and anti-inflammatory preparation, Loxonin[®] Tape 50mg/100mg (generic name: loxoprofen sodium) by the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare on March 7, 2008. The product is jointly developed by both firms.

Loxonin[®] Tape is the first loxoprofen sodium adhesive tape in Japan containing the same constituents as Loxonin[®] pills and Loxonin[®] powder which are leading agents among orally administered analgesic and anti-inflammatory drugs. The adhesive tape is expected to have superior analgesic and anti-inflammatory efficacy when applied once per day.

Following the launch of Loxonin[®] Pap in 2006, we are confident that this new addition to the long-standing top brand Loxonin[®] will further contribute to analgesic and anti-inflammatory drug treatment.

This preparation is scheduled to be manufactured by Lead Chemical and sold by DAIICHI SANKYO.

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