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Daiichi Sankyo Co., Ltd.

Launch of TENELIA[®] 20mg Tablets
A DPP-4 Inhibitor for Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus Originating from Japan

OSAKA and TOKYO, Japan (August 28, 2012)—Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma Corporation (hereafter, Mitsubishi Tanabe; Head Office: Chuo-ku, Osaka; President & CEO: Michihiro Tsuchiya) and Daiichi Sankyo Co., Ltd., (hereafter, Daiichi Sankyo; Head Office: Chuo-ku, Tokyo; President & Representative Director: Joji Nakayama) announced today that both companies would launch the selective DPP-4 inhibitor TENELIA[®] 20mg tablets (generic name: Tenueligliptin hydrobromide hydrate tablets) in Japan on Monday, September 10, 2012, following today's inclusion of TENELIA[®] in the National Health Insurance drug price list.

TENELIA[®] is a DPP-4 inhibitor created by Mitsubishi Tanabe and is the first drug of its kind to originate from Japan. TENELIA[®] suppresses glucagon release and increases insulin release, subsequently lowering blood-glucose levels by selectively inhibiting the activity of dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (DPP-4), an enzyme that inactivates glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1), a hormone excreted from the gastrointestinal tract in response to food ingestion. TENELIA[®], with its potent and sustained action, has made it highly effective in lowering each of the blood glucose postprandial levels, as well as fasting blood glucose levels, with once-a-day administration.

Mitsubishi Tanabe and Daiichi Sankyo, based on their strategic alliance to contribute to the treatment of diabetes in Japan, will begin joint marketing the drug under one brand name: TENELIA[®] 20mg tablets. By providing this new treatment option for type 2 diabetes mellitus, Mitsubishi Tanabe and Daiichi Sankyo aim to provide further support for patients combating this disease.

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