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26th April, 2007

## Change of President Announcement

Please be informed that change of our president was formally announced at the board meeting held on 26th April, 2007. The details are as follows:

### 1. New president

<New post>	<Name>	<Former post>
<b>President</b>	<b>Dr. OYANAGI Masatoshi</b>	<b>Director</b>
<b>Board Chairman</b>	<b>Mr. TSUDA Akihiro</b>	<b>President</b>

### 2. Background of the change of president

The Dai-ichi Kogyo Seiyaku (DKS) Group has been carrying out the medium-term management plan “ADD21 Plan”, which started in April, 2004, for 3 years as of the end of March. In the meanwhile, in Kisshoin, Minami-ku, Kyoto, the construction of our long-planned new laboratory was completed, and it started its operation in December, 2006.

What remain to be done for the company are: 1) Further sales expansions and establishment of stable profit-making business portfolios; 2) nourishment and expansion of high-value added new projects; and 3) promoting awareness to achieve plans and maximize the effects on the ground of completed management infrastructure. In order to secure these management objectives to be implemented and finalize the ADD21 Plan, the board has resolved to have a new president and make the management fresh, younger and highly mobile.

### 3. Information of the new president

#### <New president>

Name: OYANAGI Masatoshi, Ph.D.

Place of birth: Okayama Prefecture, Japan

Date of birth: 15th March, 1953

Educational background: Graduate School of Engineering, Kyoto University

Biography: April 1982 Joined Dai-ichi Kogyo Seiyaku Co., Ltd.

June 1997 Director of Kyoto Elex Co., Ltd.

June 2000 President of Kyoto Elex Co., Ltd.

April 2004 Deputy Division Manager of R&D Division

June 2004 Director

July 2004 Senior Operating Officer;

Division Manager of Electronic Devices Materials Business Division

January 2005 Board Chairman of Kyoto Elex Co., Ltd.

June 2005 Board Chairman of Dai-ichi Ceramo Co., Ltd.

July 2006 Division Manager of R&D Division

### 4. Date of assumption of the presidency

26th April, 2007