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Change of Representative Director and President at KYORIN Pharmaceutical

KYORIN Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of KYORIN Co., Ltd., announces that a meeting of its Board of Directors held on April 3, 2009 informally resolved to make the change of KYORIN Pharmaceutical's Representative Director and President.

The change will be made pending a resolution of the ordinary general shareholders meeting of KYORIN Pharmaceutical scheduled in June 2009 and a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors of KYORIN Pharmaceutical.

1. Change in Representative Director

Retirement: Itaru Kojo (currently Representative Director and President)

Representative director and president: Keiji Hirai (currently Senior Managing Officer and Executive Director)

2. Reasons for Change

The change will be made to achieve a shift to a new organization designed to strengthen and upgrade the administrative operation.

Name and Biography of the New Representative Director and President

Name: Keiji Hirai

Birthplace: Yamaguchi Prefecture

Date of birth: October 31, 1949

Education: Engineering Department (fermentative production major), Yamanashi University

Brief record: Joined KYORIN Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. in April 1972.

Became Executive Director, Discovery Research Headquarters of KYORIN Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. in June 2002.

Became Senior Executive Officer and Executive Director, Research & Development Headquarters of KYORIN Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. in June 2005.

Became Executive Director of KYORIN Co., Ltd. in January 2006.

Became Senior Managing Officer and Executive Director, Research Headquarters and Intellectual Property of KYORIN Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. in June 2007.

Became Senior Managing Officer and Executive Director, Research and Development of KYORIN Co., Ltd. in June 2007.