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**Dainippon Sumitomo Pharma and Eisai Signed Licensing Agreement for  
“Gasmotin<sup>®</sup>”, a Gastroprokinetic Agent,  
for Countries in Asia including ASEAN Members**

Dainippon Sumitomo Pharma Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Osaka, President: Kenjiro Miyatake) and Eisai Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Tokyo, President and CEO: Haruo Naito) today announced that the companies have signed a licensing agreement regarding “Gasmotin<sup>®</sup>” (generic name: mosapride citrate), a gastroprokinetic agent, for countries including ASEAN members such as Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines on April 14, 2006.

Under this agreement, Dainippon Sumitomo Pharma will grant rights of development, manufacture and marketing of “Gasmotin<sup>®</sup>” in 10 Asian countries including ASEAN members to Eisai. Thus Eisai will be responsible for the development of “Gasmotin<sup>®</sup>” involving new drug applications in these countries.

Gasmotin is a gastroprokinetic agent whose indications are “gastrointestinal symptoms associated with chronic gastritis (heartburn, nausea/vomiting)” in Japan. The drug is a selective serotonin 5-HT<sub>4</sub> receptor agonist which stimulates 5-HT<sub>4</sub> receptors in nerve plexuses in the gastrointestinal tract and has gastroprokinetic and gastric evacuant effects by enhancing acetylcholine release.

Eisai is actively concentrating on market development activities in Asia including China, India and ASEAN countries. In addition to the sales promotion of such its own products such as the globally marketed “Aricept<sup>®</sup>”, a drug for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease, and “Pariet<sup>®</sup>”, a proton pump inhibitor, Eisai is proactively undertaking promotional activities of other companies' products. In particular, Eisai has a solid basis for product marketing in the gastroenterology area achieved by “Pariet<sup>®</sup>” and “Selbex<sup>®</sup>”, a gastritis/gastric ulcer treatment. Eisai expects that the addition of “Gasmotin<sup>®</sup>” to its product lineup will bring greater synergy and allow it to make further contributions to greater numbers of patients in ASEAN countries. Dainippon Sumitomo Pharma is also looking forward to contributions to global healthcare as the result of obtaining an approval for “Gasmotin<sup>®</sup>” to place it on the market in ASEAN countries in addition to Japan, China and Korea where the product has already been launched.

With the agreement announced today, Eisai will aim for the marketing of “Gasmotin<sup>®</sup>” in ASEAN countries as early as possible. Eisai will also achieve an enhanced presence in Asia and make contributions to patients in collaboration with Dainippon Sumitomo Pharma.

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