Press Release

Astellas Announces Acquisition of Own Shares

(Under the provision of its Articles of Incorporation in accordance with Article 165, paragraph 2 of the Companies Act)

Tokyo, January 31, 2019- Astellas Pharma Inc. (TSE: 4503, President and CEO: Kenji Yasukawa, Ph.D.) today announced that at the meeting of the Board of Directors held today, a resolution was adopted to acquire its own shares under Article 156 which is applicable in accordance with Article 165, paragraph 3 of the Companies Act.

Particulars

1. Reasons for the acquisition of own shares
   Shareholder return and improvement of capital efficiency

2. Contents of acquisition
   (1) Class of shares to be acquired: Common stock of the Company
   (2) Total number of shares to be acquired: Up to 40 million shares
   (The percentage compared to the total number of shares outstanding: 2.08 %)
   (3) Aggregate amount of acquisition cost: Up to 60 billion yen
   (4) Period of acquisition: From February 1, 2019 to March 20, 2019

   (Reference)
   The status of treasury shares as of December 31, 2018:
   Total number of shares outstanding: 1,921,152,189 shares
   Number of treasury shares: 58,670,986 shares

About Astellas

Astellas Pharma Inc., based in Tokyo, Japan, is a company dedicated to improving the health of people around the world through the provision of innovative and reliable pharmaceutical products. For more information, please visit our website at https://www.astellas.com/en

Cautionary Notes

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