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J.O. Pharma Co., Ltd. to construct a new manufacturing facility for prefilled syringes (a syringe with injectable drug solution filled in advance): Signing of an agreement with Shimane Prefecture and Izumo City for the facility construction

Tokyo, November 28, 2011 — J.O. Pharma Co., Ltd. (Head office: Izumo, Shimane, Japan; President: Kazuma Yuasa), a consolidated subsidiary company of Otsuka Holdings Co., Ltd. (Head office: Tokyo, Japan; President and Representative Director, CEO: Tatsuo Higuchi), announced today that it concluded a "Memorandum of agreement" with Shimane Prefecture and Izumo City for the construction of a new manufacturing facility to increase the production of prefilled syringes. The new facility is to operate in May 2013.

"Prefilled syringe" is a ready-to- use kit product that a drug solution is aseptically filled in a syringe in advance. Unlike conventional preparations packaged in containers such as ampoules or glass vials, the drug solution does not need to be transferred from the ampoule or vial to the syringe at the time of administration. Demand for such prefilled syringe is constantly on the increase in clinical settings. Prefilled syringes offer advantages in the administration of injectables, including a reduction in bacterial infection and particle contamination, prevention of medication errors, and speedup and time savings for drug preparation.

J.O. Pharma Co., Ltd. is a joint venture company established in 2003 between Otsuka Pharmaceutical Factory, Inc. (Head office: Naruto , Tokushima, Japan; President: Ichiro Otsuka), a wholly owned subsidiary of Otsuka Holdings Co., Ltd. and JMS Co., Ltd. (Head office: Hiroshima, Japan; President: Hiroaki Okukubo) .

Signing of Memorandum of agreement:

Today, with expectations for growth of local economy and creation of jobs, "Approval letter for facility establishment plan" has been given to J.O. Pharma Co., Ltd. by Shimane Prefecture according to the Shimane prefectural ordinance for promoting new business establishment, and "Memorandum of agreement" for the establishment of manufacturing facilities has been concluded by the three parties, Shimane Prefecture, Izumo City, and J.O. Pharma Co., Ltd.

Outline of the new manufacturing facility:

Location	:	127-1 Shimokoshi-cho, Izumo, Shimane 693-0032, Japan
Site area	:	9,391 m^2 (current site area: 11,035 m^2; total area to be 20,426 m^2)
Building area	:	5,909 m^2 (current building area: 6,350 m^2; total area to be 12,259 m^2)
Investment	:	Approx. 2.5 billion yen
Planned start of operation	:	May 2013
Planned increase of employees	:	35 (total number at 3 years after operation)

Based on the corporate philosophy of "Otsuka-people creating new products for better health worldwide", the Otsuka Group is dedicated to contributing to the health of people around the world.

Company profiles:

J.O. Pharma Co., Ltd.

Established	:	December 25, 2003
Capital	:	2 billion yen
President	:	Kazuma Yuasa
Head office	:	127-1 Shimokoshi-cho, Izumo, Shimane 693-0032, Japan
Employees	:	70 (as of October 2011)
Scope of business	:	Manufacture of pharmaceuticals

Otsuka Pharmaceutical Factory, Inc.

Established	:	September 1, 1921
Capital	:	80 million yen
President	:	Ichiro Otsuka
Head office	:	115 Kuguhara, Tateiwa, Muya-cho, Naruto, Tokushima 772-8601, Japan
Employees	:	2,504 (as of March 31, 2011)
Scope of business	:	Manufacture and distribution of pharmaceuticals and nutritional products
URL	:	http://www.otsukakj.jp/en/

JMS Co., Ltd.

Established	:	June 12, 1965
Capital	:	6.522 billion yen
President	:	Hiroaki Okukubo
Head office	:	12-17 Kako-machi, Naka-ku, Hiroshima 730-8652, Japan
Employees	:	1,566 (as of March 31, 2011)
Scope of business	:	Manufacture, sale, export, and import of medical equipment and pharmaceuticals
URL	:	http://www.jms.cc/english/