

## **Antitrichomonal Agent, Flagyl®**

### **Approval for Additional Indication of Bacterial Vaginosis**

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**Osaka, Japan, March 21, 2012** - Shionogi & Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Osaka; President & CEO: Isao Teshirogi, Ph.D.; hereafter “Shionogi”) today announced it has received an approval for an additional indication of “Flagyl® tablet 250 mg” and “Flagyl® vaginal tablet 250 mg”(generic name: metronidazole) for bacterial vaginosis.

The Second Committee on New Drugs of the Pharmaceutical Affairs and Food Sanitation Council, held on August 1, 2011, was evaluated preliminary and allowed to submit an additional indication of Flagyl®. Shionogi submitted an additional indication for bacterial vaginosis on August 5, 2011. Regarding this additional indication of Flagyl®, the Investigational Committee for the Unapproved Drugs and Off-label Drug Use with High Medical Needs, established by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (hereafter “MHLW”), agreed with the medical necessity and MHLW requested its development to Shionogi.

Shionogi anticipates Flagyl® will bring a new treatment option to patients and medical experts by the approval for bacterial vaginosis and is striving to make contributions to the resolution of the Unapproved Drugs and Off-label Drug Use.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

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