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Shionogi & Co., Ltd.
Eli Lilly Japan K.K.

Shionogi Receives Marketing and Manufacturing Approval of an Antidepressant Drug, “Cymbalta® Capsules 20mg and 30mg”

Shionogi & Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Osaka, Japan; President: Isao Teshirogi; hereafter “Shionogi”) today announced that it received marketing and manufacturing approval of a serotonin noradrenalin reuptake inhibitor, “Cymbalta® Capsules 20mg and 30mg” (generic name: duloxetine hydrochloride) for depression and depressive symptoms treatment on January 20, 2010.

Shionogi and Eli Lilly Japan K.K. (Head Office: Kobe, Japan; President and General Manager: Alfonso G. Zulueta; hereafter “Eli Lilly Japan”) are scheduled to launch the product immediately and start co-marketing after its National Health Insurance (NHI) price listing.

Cymbalta®, a serotonin noradrenalin reuptake inhibitor (SNRI), originally discovered by Eli Lilly and Company, the U.S., and it has been approved in 95 countries and prescribed to 18 million patients since its launch in the U.S. in August, 2004. Shionogi has conducted its clinical trials in Japan. Because Cymbalta® is expected to have the efficacy and the good remission rate against broad range of depressive symptoms including core emotional symptoms as well as painful physical symptoms by once-daily oral dosing, this drug will help patients to recover from depression and rehabilitate into society.

Shionogi and Eli Lilly Japan will dedicate to the treatment for depression and depressive symptoms treatment by the provision of high-quality information through the co-marketing Cymbalta® and make efforts to improve patients' QOL.

Cymbalta® Product Overview

Product Name: Cymbalta® Capsules 20 and 30mg

Generic Name: Duloxetine Hydrochloride

Indication: Depression and depressive symptoms

Dosage and

Administration: In general, a single dose of 40mg of duloxetine is to be administrated orally to adult patients after breakfast. Dosage is initiated from a dose of 20mg per day, and increased by 20mg at more than a week intervals.

If the effect is insufficient, dosage can increase up to 60mg per day.

Approval Date: January 20, 2010

Forward-Looking Statements

This announcement contains forward-looking statements. These statements are based on expectations in light of the information currently available, assumptions that are subject to risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from these statements. Risks and uncertainties include general domestic and international economic conditions such as general industry and market conditions, and changes of interest rate and currency exchange rate. These risks and uncertainties particularly apply with respect to product-related forward-looking statements. Product risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, completion and discontinuation of clinical trials; obtaining regulatory approvals; claims and concerns about product safety and efficacy; technological advances; adverse outcome of important litigation; domestic and foreign healthcare reforms and changes of laws and regulations. Also for existing products, there are manufacturing and marketing risks, which include, but are not limited to, inability to build production capacity to meet demand, unavailability of raw materials and entry of competitive products. The company disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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