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## **Shionogi Announces the 2007 Results of Drug Discovery Competition “FINDS”**

**Osaka, October 31, 2007** – Shionogi & Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Osaka; President: Motozo Shiono) announces the final selection results of its drug discovery competition, FINDS (Pharma-Innovation Discovery competition Shionogi), which was launched in the current fiscal year.

From a total of 242 submissions of original ideas from researchers, Shionogi selected 11 research themes, as noted below. Selected research themes have been started upon execution of the research contracts.

The FINDS drug discovery competition is a collaborative industry-academic initiative in which researchers in Japan with original drug seeds can submit ideas that meet Shionogi’s specified needs and work with the company to develop them into commercially viable drugs.

Shionogi will work to enhance its acquisition of new drug seeds and basic discovery technologies and strengthen its search capabilities in order to continue to develop and manufacture new drugs for use around the world.

### **Competition Results**

Number of submissions: 242

Number of research themes selected: 11

- Discovery of Seeds for Anti-Infectives 3
- Discovery of Seeds for Drugs to Treat Metabolic Syndrome 3
- Discovery of Seeds for Drugs to Treat Chronic Pain 2
- Discovery of Seeds for Drugs to Treat Allergies 1
- Novel Assay Technologies Adaptable to High-Throughput Screening 1
- Efficient Methods to Identify Protein Crystallization Conditions 1

### **Competition Overview**

1. Application period: May 14 to June 29, 2007
2. Number of research fields: 12

3. Selection method: Two-stage process, with the first-stage screening completed at the end of July and the second-stage screening completed at the end of August
4. Selection criteria: Submissions were assessed and selected on the basis of factors including degree of correspondence with Shionogi's needs, originality, practicality, potential for industrialization and conflict with existing company projects
5. Research budget: ¥2 million to ¥5 million per project (scheduled)

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