

## Shionogi Announces the Reduction of the Minimum Investment Unit and an Amendment to its Articles of Incorporation

Shionogi & Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Osaka; President: Isao Teshirogi) announces that at the Board of Directors Meeting held on August 3, 2009, it was decided to reduce the minimum investment unit and add an amendment to the Company's Articles of Incorporation, as per Article 195, paragraph 1 of the Company Law.

### 1. About the reduction of the minimum investment unit

#### (1) Reason for change

Reducing the number of shares that constitutes the minimum investment unit is a useful means to increase stock liquidity and to broaden the investor base while also helping to stimulate the stock market.

#### (2) Content of change

Investment unit will be reduced from 1,000 shares to 100 shares.

#### (3) Scheduled date of change

October 1, 2009 (Thursday)

### 2. Details of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation

The content of the amendment is as follows:

(Amended portion is underlined.)

Current Articles of Incorporation	Amended Articles of Incorporation
Article 8 (Number of Shares Constituting One Trading Unit) The number of shares constituting one trading unit of the Company's shares shall be one <u>thousand (1,000)</u> .	Article 8 (Number of Shares Constituting One Trading Unit) The number of shares constituting one trading unit of the Company's shares shall be one <u>hundred (100)</u> .
Supplementary Provisions	Supplementary Provisions
Article 1 and Article 2 (Text not shown)  (Newly established)	Article 1 and Article 2 (Same as current Article 1 and Article 2)  <u>Article 3</u> <u>The amendment of Article 8 shall become effective on October 1, 2009, and Article 8 shall be as follows until such amendment becomes effective.</u> <u>Article 8 (Number of Shares Constituting One Trading Unit)</u> <u>The number of shares constituting one trading unit of the Company's shares shall be one thousand (1,000).</u> <u>This Article will be eliminated after the amendment to Article 8 has become effective.</u>

(Notes)

On Thursday, October 1, 2009, the trading unit of the company at the Tokyo Stock Exchange and the Osaka Stock Exchange will change from 1,000 shares to 100 shares.

### **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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