

The Mochida Pharmaceutical Group's "21-23 Medium-Term Management Plan"

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Dear All,

Every year, Mochida Pharmaceutical Group (Mochida Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., TSE: 4534, 1st Section) establishes its rolling three-year plan. We are pleased to present an overview of the Medium-term Management Plan for the fiscal years 2021 through 2023

Medium-Term Management Plan Policy for the fiscal years 2021 through 2023

We will respond to medical and healthcare needs with concentration of the total power of the Group covering research and development, manufacturing and marketing, pursue sustainable growth by promoting selection and focusing processes, and restructure the earnings structure to respond to further environmental changes.

The business environment over the three years from FY2021 to FY2023 is forecast to be even more challenging, given the National Health Insurance (NHI) price revision in October 2019 and April 2020 followed by the first and unusual off-year revision in April 2021 in a situation where the government has continued the policy of pharmaceutical cost reductions in the context of the need to secure stable financial resources for the social security system.

The Mochida Pharmaceutical Group will intensively focus on the following three key points so the Group can deal with all types of changes in the environment:

1. Focusing on new drugs, etc.
2. Making continuous investments to create next-generation leading products
3. Redistributing resources strategically through the selection and focusing processes

As the top priority issue, we will concentrate our resources on the targeted areas of cardiovascular medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, psychiatry, and gastroenterology, and focus on new drugs to maximize profit in our core pharmaceutical business. In addition, we will further promote strategic alliances that stress the importance of partnerships.

We are pursuing investments in business activities that will lead to future competitiveness in order to create leading next-generation products. In pharmaceutical research, we are enhancing our development pipelines by in-licensing candidate drugs for development at an early stage through the promotion of open innovation. In addition, we will work on the overseas expansion of our own products as well as the bio material business.

We will proceed with selection and concentration in company-wide organizational management, continue to promote structural reform, and strengthen interdepartmental cooperation. We will also strategically maximize the use of the Group's finite human, material, and financial resources, while actively seeking collaboration with external resources at the same time. We will aim to further accelerate our efforts to create innovation and improve productivity, and to strengthen our profit-generating system.

Mochida Pharmaceutical Group will continually grow as a distinctive and globally valued group of companies in the life and healthcare business by responding to medical and healthcare needs, taking full advantage of its strengths as a mid-sized firm, such as agility and responsiveness.

As mentioned above, the environment surrounding the pharmaceutical industry is expected to grow increasingly severe. We have decided not to prepare or announce management target values for the final year of the Medium-Term Management Plan, which we have previously announced every year, since it is extremely difficult to predict how much and how quickly the future reform of the drug price system and other factors could affect the industry environment. Over the next three years, we will actively continue investing in areas such as R&D (including in-licensing), and promote quality improvement and the acceleration of long-standing efforts in portfolio restructuring (shift to new drugs) and our implemented measures.

In this Medium-Term Management Plan, we announce the management targets for FY2021, the nearest fiscal year, instead of the final year.

※Management Target Values for 2021 (Consolidated):

Sales	100.0 billion yen
Operating income	7.0 billion yen
Research and development expenditures	13.0 billion yen

Note: The management targets for FY2021 are not forecasts; rather they are only intended to show the directions of the goals we aim to achieve. Please refer to the financial results for the fiscal year ended March 2021, which is scheduled to be announced in May.

[Reference]

1. Business Strategies

1) Pharmaceuticals

The Group will seek:

- To focus its resources on the targeted areas (cardiovascular medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, psychiatry, and gastroenterology, etc.);
- To expand our products and development pipelines by maximizing the benefits of alliances;
- To build up our life cycle management to maximize values of development pipelines and current products;
- To promote customer-centered marketing and business strategies.

a) Development

The Group will seek:

To optimize organizational structuring and to allocate resources for accelerating drug development and improving accuracy, in close cooperation with our partners;

To obtain approval during the period of this Medium-Term Management Plan for MND-2119, a new highly purified EPA drug, MD-711, an inhaled form of a treatment drug for pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), the pediatric indication of Lialda, an ulcerative colitis treatment drug, ACT-541468, a treatment for insomnia, and MD-120, an antidepressant;

To promote the development of pediatric indication of Lexapro, an antidepressant;

To promote the development of MND-21, a treatment for hypertriglyceridemia, in China;

To promote the addition of drug indications and dosage forms to the drugs under development and products on the market;

To enhance the strategies for the in-licensing of the products in development so as to expand the pipeline in the fields in which we specialize;

To in-license and develop high value-added products which meet the needs of medical professionals as well as customers;

To promote the in-licensing and development of biosimilars;

b) Marketing

The Group will seek:

To develop medical representatives (MRs) who can capably cover all targeted areas, and to optimize information provision activities through, among others, the active use of e-promotion;

To maximize sales of Lialda, an ulcerative colitis treatment drug, aiming to be the No. 1 5-aminosalicylic acid (5-ASA) drug.

To aim at maximizing sales of Goofice, a chronic constipation treatment drug, and work to improve its position in the constipation market alongside Movicol;

To aim for Lexapro to reach the No. 1 position in the Japanese antidepressants market;

To focus on early maximization of sales of Urece, a treatment for hyperuricemia in gout;

To continue to hold the top position in obstetrics and gynecology with Dinagest, a treatment drug for endometriosis, adenomyosis and dysmenorrhea, its authorized generic drug, Frewell, a treatment drug for dysmenorrhea, and Doxil, an anticancer drug;

To aim at securely maintaining the prominence of Epadel, a drug for the treatment of hyperlipidemia, in the cardiovascular area through the maximum utilization of the abundant EBM-information obtained from JELIS (the world's first large-scale clinical trial of a highly purified EPA drug), etc. as well as any new EBM-information;

To promote the appropriate use of Treprost for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), an intractable disease, by providing medical professionals with accurate information in a timely manner based on the characteristics of the drug;

To work on the generic drug business to focus on lines with strong business potential such as the authorized generic drug of Dinagest and biosimilars (Filgrastim biosimilar, Etanercept biosimilar and Teriparatide biosimilar) in cooperation with Mochida Pharmaceutical Sales Co., Ltd. and other business partners;

To work toward increasing the prominence of the Epadel-OTC drug as a leader in the manufacture and sales of a highly purified EPA drug;.

c) Pharmaceutical Research

The Group will seek:

To enhance our development pipelines by in-licensing candidate drugs for development at an early stage through the promotion of open innovation.

d) Overseas expansion

The Group will seek:

To promote the overseas expansion of a highly purified EPA drug in China, Thailand, Vietnam, the US, etc.

2) Bio material business

The Group will promote and develop the bio material business based on sodium alginate. We will aim to obtain approval for dMD-001, an articular cartilage lesion restoration material during this medium-term management plan.

3) Start-up business

The Group will promote projects for regenerative medicine products and aim for an early launch.

4) Mochida Pharmaceutical Plant Co., Ltd.

Mochida Pharmaceutical Plant will promote contract manufacturing business of medical products with high reliability and efficiency in response to diverse needs of our customers, using both state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities and leading-edge technologies that meet global standards. We will continually work to maintain a stable operation, a stable supply of our products, and proper quality.

5) Mochida Healthcare Co., Ltd.

Since 1970, Mochida Healthcare has conducted business activities as a pioneer in skin care for sensitive skin, with products such as Skina Babe, a baby bath oil that enjoys the top market share, and the Collage series, a line of gentle basic skincare products. Building on its high rate of support and popularity among dermatologists, obstetricians and gynecologists, Mochida Healthcare will strengthen marketing and consolidate the brand image of the Collage series and Collage Furfur series, while continuing to develop our market.

2. Promotion of restructuring and better awareness

Mochida Pharmaceutical Group promotes structural improvement of the entire group and better awareness by all employees of the group companies so as to eliminate every type of waste and inefficiency, and further enhance lean management style in order to respond to more difficult changes in the business environment and to ensure continued profitable growth.

a) Innovations toward independent and collaborative business units

Business units such as Research and development, pharmaceuticals, pharmaceutical manufacturing and skincare products are managed under the self-support accounting system with an awareness of the business environment of each unit and operational efficiency. In addition, the Group enhances the liaison among the units. Headquarters will also seek to further strengthen its functions as one of the Group's business units so as to improve the efficiency in organizational operation and enhance its corporate value.

b) Innovations toward boosting productivity

The Group will continue to review its personnel allocation, strategy, and utilization, from the viewpoint of development and vitalization of human resources, in accordance with the restructuring of the Group's management system.

The Group will promote better awareness among employees and continue to assist them in their efforts to develop competencies so as to enhance their performance. We will enhance interdepartmental cooperation in order to meet our target of increasing productivity by 10% through operational restructuring.

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