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Kyowa Hakko Kirin Announces Changes in the Representative Directors

Tokyo, December 22, 2017 - Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President and CEO: Nobuo Hanai, hereinafter, "Kyowa Hakko Kirin"), announced that it resolved the following changes in its Representative Directors at its Board of Directors meeting held today. The changes will be formally approved in the General Meeting of Shareholders and the Board of Directors meeting to be held on March 2018.

1. The reason for the change

The year 2018, the 10th anniversary of the foundation of Kyowa Hakko Kirin, will see the launch of burosumab (KRN23) in the US and EU, which will mark an important milestone and bring KHK to a new stage as a global specialty pharmaceutical company. We will build an even stronger management system to make a leap forward.

2. Changes in the Representative Directors

2.1. Nominee for a new Chairman and Representative Director

Name	New Position	Current Position
Nobuo Hanai	Representative Director Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (*1)	Representative Director President and Chief Executive Officer (*1)

*1 : concurrently serve as Managing Officer

2.2. Nominee for a new Representative Director

Name	New Position	Current Position
Masashi Miyamoto	Representative Director President and Chief Operating Officer (*2)	Director of the board, Managing Executive Officer Corporate Strategy & Planning Department (*2)

*2 : concurrently serve as Managing Officer

2.3. Retiring Representative Director

Name	Current Position
Hiroyuki Kawai (*3)	Representative Director Executive Vice President

*3 : will become an Executive Director of Kato Memorial Bioscience Foundation

3. The date to be appointed

The day of the General Meeting of Shareholders to be held in March 2018

4. Curriculum Vitae

President and COO candidate,
Masashi Miyamoto

Birthplace: Nagano Prefecture

Date of birth: July 16, 1959

Education: Graduated from the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the University of Tokyo in 1985

Received his Ph.D. in pharmacology from the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the University of Tokyo in 1998

Business experience:

Apr. 1985	Joined Kirin Brewery Company Limited (presently Kirin Holdings Company, Limited)
Mar. 1997	Associate Manager, Planning, Pharmaceutical Research Laboratory, Pharmaceutical Division, Kirin Brewery Company Limited
Mar. 1998	Gemini Science Inc. (California, USA)
Jul. 2000	Senior Manager, Drug discovery research planning, Planning Department, Pharmaceutical Division, Kirin Brewery Company Limited
Nov. 2001	Senior Manager, Product Planning, Planning Department, Pharmaceutical Division, Kirin Brewery Company Limited
Mar. 2006	Manager, Strategic Marketing, Planning Department, Pharmaceutical Division, Kirin Brewery Company Limited
Mar. 2007	Deputy Director, Corporate Strategy & Planning Department, Kirin Brewery Company Limited
Jul. 2007	Deputy Director, Corporate Strategy & Planning Department, Kirin Holdings Company, Limited
Jan. 2011	Manager, Regulatory Affairs Department of Pharmacovigilance and Quality Assurance Division, Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co., Ltd.
Apr. 2011	Director, Regulatory Affairs Department of Pharmacovigilance and Quality Assurance Division, Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co., Ltd.
Mar. 2012	Executive Officer, Director, Regulatory Affairs Department of Pharmacovigilance and Quality Assurance Division, Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co., Ltd.
Jul. 2014	Executive Officer, Director, Strategic Product Portfolio Department and Regulatory Affairs Department of Pharmacovigilance and Quality Assurance Division, Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co., Ltd.
Apr. 2015	Executive Officer, Director, Strategic Product Portfolio Department, Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co., Ltd.

Mar.2017	Director of the Board, Managing Executive Officer, Strategic Product Portfolio Department, Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co., Ltd.
Apr.2017	Director of the Board, Managing Executive Officer, Corporate Strategy & Planning Department, Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co., Ltd. (current)

Number of shares of the company held by the candidate: 21,000 shares
(as of Dec. 22, 2017)

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