

# KYOWA KIRIN

## *News Release*

### Kyowa Hakko Kirin California, Inc. Announces Name Change to Kyowa Kirin Pharmaceutical Research, Inc.

La Jolla, CA, March 15, 2016 -- Kyowa Hakko Kirin California, Inc. (President: Yasunori Yamaguchi, Ph.D.; headquartered in La Jolla, California, "KKC"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co., Ltd. (President & CEO: Nobuo Hanai, Ph.D.; headquartered in Tokyo, Japan: "Kyowa Hakko Kirin") today announced its name change to Kyowa Kirin Pharmaceutical Research, Inc., following the decision of Kyowa Hakko Kirin to use "Kyowa Kirin" as a common company brand name. The change will be effective on April 1, 2016.

Kyowa Hakko Kirin's decision to unify all of its western pharmaceutical subsidiaries under one name, "Kyowa Kirin", is in pursuit of its aim to become a Global Specialty Pharmaceutical Company. The Kyowa Hakko Kirin Group companies strive to contribute to the health and well-being of people around the world by creating new value through the pursuit of advances in life sciences and technologies.

Kyowa Kirin Pharmaceutical Research, Inc. will continue to focus on early stage drug discovery and external innovation activities.

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