To whom it may concern:

Announcement Regarding a Pharmaceutical (Notice)

We hereby announce that we published the following notice in the "Nikkan Yakugyo" today.

Notice: "Patent Rights Relevant to Pitavastatin Calcium"

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Pitavastatin calcium is a pharmaceutical whose active ingredient is manufactured by Nissan Chemical Industries, Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "Nissan Chemical"), and which is manufactured and sold by Kowa Company, Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "Kowa") under the brand names "Livalo Tablet 1 mg," "Livalo Tablet 2 mg," and "Livalo Tablet 4 mg," and sold either by Kowa Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., and Daiichi Sankyo Company, Ltd.

With regard to pharmaceuticals containing pitavastatin calcium as an active ingredient, patent rights relevant to the crystal form of the active ingredient (Japanese Patent No. 5,186,108, and Japanese Patent No. 5,192,147), patents rights relevant to the method of manufacturing the active ingredient (Japanese Patent No. 4,433,156, Japanese Patent No. 4,281,248, and Japanese Patent No. 4,496,586), both owned by Nissan Chemical, and patents rights relevant to pharmaceutical formulations (Japanese Patent No. 3,276,962, and Japanese Patent No. 5,166,876), co-owned by Kowa and Nissan Chemical are valid and remain in force.

Accordingly, Kowa and Nissan Chemical intend to take strict and immediate legal action against any activity that infringes or may infringe the intellectual property rights owned by Kowa and Nissan Chemical, including the patent rights specified above.

Kowa and Nissan Chemical courteously request that any company having scheduled to, or planning to manufacture, import or market any pharmaceutical that contains pitavastatin calcium as an active ingredient, should any exist, pay full attention to the intellectual property rights of Kowa and Nissan Chemical, and surely refrain from conducting any activity that infringes any such intellectual property rights.

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