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Announcement of Conclusion of Comprehensive and Exclusive Contract for Domestic Development and Sales with US Company HemCon Medical Technologies Inc.

Zeria Pharmaceuticals Co. Ltd. (“Zeria”) is proud to announce that Zeria today concluded a comprehensive and exclusive contract for the domestic development and sales of hemostatic dressing and wound dressing products with the US company HemCon Medical Technologies Inc. (Location: Portland, Oregon; CEO: John W. Morgan; “HemCon”)

Zeria acquired the rights to market all HemCon products within Japan. Zeria will import hemostatic dressing and wound dressing products (patches, gauzes, bandages etc.) using materials such as Chitosan which are manufactured and sold by HemCon in the US, and approximately 60 other countries around the world. They will then be sold by Zeria’s associated company Zeria Shoji Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Tokyo, Representative Director: Haruki Kabuhashi)

As the HemCon products can be sold not only to medical institutes, but also through a variety of other routes in Japan, Zeria expect a considerable expansion in new business in the mid- to long term. Zeria believe that both Zeria and HemCon will be able to push forward expansion of business as mutually profiting partners.

As a part of new business in the sector surrounding the medical supplies business, Zeria anticipates that this alliance contract with HemCon will be able to contribute to the elevation of our group’s enterprise value.

Further notifications will be made as soon as product market launches are finalized.

[HemCon Company Outline]

1. Company name: HemCon Medical Technologies Inc.
2. Location: Portland, Oregon, USA
3. Established: June 2001
4. Representative: John W. Morgan
5. No. of employees: 127
6. Business activities: Manufacture of medical and hemostatic supplies
7. Sales countries: Approx. 60 countries (including the US, UK, Australia and Denmark)
8. Main products: HemCon Bandage (external wounds/lacerations), ChitoFlex (dialysis), HemCon Patch (catheter), HemCon Dental Dressings (tooth extraction), ChitoGauze (external wounds/lacerations)
9. Unlisted
10. Homepage: URL <http://www.hemcon.com/>

[HemCon Product Photo]

