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Press Release

Nitto Denko Corporation  
Maruho Co. Ltd.

**Transfer of Production and Sales Approval of Penles, an anesthetic patch  
--- Commencement of production and sales by Nitto Denko and Maruho**

Nitto Denko Corporation (Head office: Kita-ku, Osaka; President: Masamichi Takemoto) announced the transfer of production and sales of Penles<sup>®</sup> (generic name: Lidocaine Tape), an anesthetic patch from Wyeth K.K. (Head office: Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo; President and Representative Director: Rune Bremberg), that had been sold by Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited (Head office: Chuo-ku, Osaka; President: Yasuchika Hasegawa). Under the agreement of all parties, production and sales approval of the product was transferred to Nitto Denko on January 15, 2007.

Sales of Penles to be produced by Nitto Denko Corporation, is scheduled to be conducted by Maruho Co., Ltd.(Head office: Kita-ku, Osaka; Representative Director and President: Koichi Takagi) from March 1, 2007.

Until March 1, when the new production and sales system commences, the sales of the product shall continue to be carried out by Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited.

All parties agreed to implement a smooth transfer to avoid any inconvenience especially in product supply and information provision to medical institutions and contracted dealers.

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About Penles

Penles was jointly developed by Nitto Denko and Wyeth K.K. as a local anesthetic adhesive patch, and was first marketed in December 1994.

Product features:

- 1) the first local anesthetic adhesive patch, containing 60% Lidocaine
- 2) easy to use, because it is a transdermal drug delivery patch
- 3) takes only 30 minutes after application to reduce the pain experienced from the insertion of intravenous needles.

About Nitto Denko Corporation

Nitto Denko Corporation supplies a variety of high performance products worldwide, supporting a wide range of industries. Using the company's original high polymer synthesizing technology and adhesive synthesis technology as its basis, it combines other state-of-the-art technologies in developing high performance products. These products include liquid crystal optical films, automotive related products and transdermal drug delivery patches. Headquartered in Osaka, the company employs over 30,000 people, with over 100 group companies, covering a worldwide market.

About Maruho Co., Ltd.

The company's motto being "Ever Higher Quality in Our Contribution to Mankind," it is a leading pharmaceutical manufacture, especially in the field of dermatological

products in Japan. In the areas of dermatology and topical drugs, the company has been developing its own technologies, as well as being active in the academic field. It manufactures and sells dermatological medicines, including skin moisturizing agents. Headquartered in Osaka, the company employs 900 people, with eight sales offices in Japan. It's research/development lab is located in Kyoto, while its production facility is in Hikone.