

July 5, 2006

Selection of a Temporary Independent Auditor

At a meeting of the Board of Corporate Auditors held on July 5, 2006, Asahi Pretec Corporation selected a temporary independent auditor, pursuant to the Japanese Corporate Law, Article 346, Paragraphs 4 and 6, as follows:

1. Reason for selection of a temporary independent auditor

The Company's independent auditor, ChuoAoyama PricewaterhouseCoopers, was, on May 10, 2006, ordered by the Japanese Financial Services Agency to institute a two month business suspension from July 1, 2006 to August 31, 2006, and thus lost its status as the Company's independent auditor as of June 30, 2006 and resigned accordingly. In order to keep the period of absence of an independent auditor to a minimum and to ensure due auditing, we selected a temporary independent auditor at the Board of Corporate Auditors meeting.

2. Name and address of the temporary independent auditor

Name: Ernst & Young Shin-Nihon

Address: 2-2-3, Uchisaiwai-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

3. Date of change July 5, 2006