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*Eisai is a Human Health Care Corporation striving for innovative solutions in prevention, cure and care for the health and well-being of people worldwide. We combine our talents to understand and meet the needs of patients and their families to enhance the quality of life.*

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**Eisai Inc. Enters Exclusive Agreement with Salix Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. to Co-promote  
“COLAZAL<sup>®</sup>” for the Treatment of Ulcerative Colitis in the U.S. Market**

Eisai Inc. (Headquarters: New Jersey, Chairman: Hajime Shimizu), a U.S. subsidiary of Eisai Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Tokyo, President & CEO: Haruo Naito), today announced the signing of a U.S. co-promotion agreement with Salix Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. (Headquarters: North Carolina, President and CEO: Carolyn Logan) in which Eisai receives exclusive rights to co-promote “COLAZAL<sup>®</sup>” (balsalazide disodium) Capsules 750 mg, and balsalazide disodium 1100 mg tablets, if and when approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

“COLAZAL<sup>®</sup>” is a 5-aminosalicylic acid (5-ASA) agent approved by FDA for the treatment of mildly to moderately active ulcerative colitis. Salix submitted a New Drug Application to the FDA in July, 2007 seeking approval to market a 1100 mg tablet formulation of balsalazide disodium for the treatment of mildly to moderately active ulcerative colitis.

Along with successful marketing of its proton pump inhibitor “AcipHex<sup>®</sup>” (rabeprazole sodium), this co-promotion reinforces Eisai’s presence in gastroenterology in the U.S. and further increases benefits to patients and their families.

**[Please see the following notes for the corporate profiles of Salix Pharmaceuticals]**

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**Corporate profiles of Salix Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.**

- Headquarters: Raleigh, North Carolina, U.S.A.
- Incorporation: 1989
- Number of employees: about 240
- Corporate website: [www.salix.com](http://www.salix.com)

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