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Astellas Announces New Vice President of Marketing

DEERFIELD, IL, May 28, 2009 – Astellas Pharma US, Inc. (“Astellas”) recently hired Walt Johnston as vice president of marketing. Reporting directly to Patrick Shea, senior vice president of marketing & sales, Johnston will be responsible for leading all strategic marketing activities for on market and development products for the United States business.

"Walt is a driven high performer who truly understands Astellas' core values. We are excited to add him to our management team," said Shea. "We believe Walt's extensive experience, proven leadership and ability to drive sales will add tremendous value to Astellas' current commercial efforts."

Prior to joining Astellas, Johnston worked at Pfizer, Inc. for more than 18 years and last held the position of national sales director, Vista Rx. Most recently he was accountable for driving sales initiatives for Lipitor and Caduet. Mr. Johnston earned his M.B.A. at Boston College and his undergraduate degree at Lafayette College.

About Astellas

Astellas Pharma US, Inc., located in Deerfield, Illinois, is a U.S. affiliate of Tokyo-based Astellas Pharma Inc. Astellas is a pharmaceutical company dedicated to improving the health of people around the world through the provision of innovative and reliable pharmaceutical products. The organization is committed to becoming a global category leader in focused areas by combining outstanding R&D and marketing capabilities. In the US, Astellas markets products in the areas of Immunology, Urology, Anti-Infectives, Cardiovascular and Dermatology. For more information about Astellas Pharma US, Inc., please visit our website at www.us.astellas.com.