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## "MOHRUS® TAPE 20mg," "MOHRUS® TAPE L 40mg" Announcement of our wining Optimum Packaging Award in Japan Packaging Contest 2023

Hisamitsu Pharmaceutical Co., Inc. (Head Office: Tosu city, Saga prefecture, Japan; President and CEO: NAKATOMI Kazuhide, hereinafter referred to as "Hisamitsu") announced that the package of "MOHRUS<sub>®</sub> TAPE 20mg" and "MOHRUS<sub>®</sub> TAPE L 40mg," transdermal analgesic anti-inflammatory drugs, was awarded Optimum Packaging Award<sup>\*1</sup> in Japan Packaging Contest 2023 sponsored by the Japan Packaging Institute (hereinafter "JPI").



Hisamitsu used 80% recycled PET<sup>\*2</sup> in the primary packaging for "MOHRUS<sub>®</sub> TAPE 20mg" and "MOHRUS<sub>®</sub> TAPE L 40mg," a first for primary packaging of prescription pharmaceuticals.<sup>\*3</sup> It is expected to lead to a 36 tons reduction of waste per year, by reducing the amount of plastic by approximately 15% compared to the conventional product. The primary packaging of prescription pharmaceuticals is intended to prevent contamination and damage from external sources, and appropriate quality control is required for the materials. Hisamitsu has realized a quality that is equivalent to the conventional product, by utilizing the knowledge and technology cultivated over years of selection and concentration on topical preparations.

The Japan Packaging Contest is sponsored by the JPI and held every year for the purpose of contributing to the development and dissemination of excellent packages in our lifestyle culture and their technologies in response to the needs of the times and society, and the 45th contest was held in 2023. The best works in the year are selected from various functional areas such as materials, plan, technology, design, logistics, sales promotion, ideas, environmental response, and optimum packaging.

MOHRUS<sub>®</sub> TAPE 20 mg celebrates the 28th anniversary of release in December this year, and MOHRUS<sub>®</sub> TAPE L 40 mg celebrates the 21st anniversary in October this year.

Hisamitsu constantly strives to improve products out of consideration for the environment and improve patient QOL<sup>\*4</sup> by switching to "Eco-friendly & Compact" packaging, developing new packaging, and using environmentally friendly raw materials. In addition, we have developed "HELLO! eco!" mark<sup>\*5</sup> as a symbol of environmental activities. We are promoting activities to display the "HELLO! eco!" mark on products that meet standards designated by the company. Going forward, we will continue to actively promote environmental management through our products and business, contributing to improve QOL of people around the world.



Product awarded this time (different from the actual size)

MOHRUS<sub>®</sub> TAPE 20mg



MOHRUS® TAPE L 40mg

- \*1: It is an award granted to the reasonable and appropriate packaging among the packaging technology awards granted to packages that utilize excellent know-how and improve the function of packaging
- \*2: A material, which can reduce the amount of CO2 emissions by mixing petroleum-derived raw materials with recycled resin and making the percentage of recycled resin 80%, replaces a portion of the petroleum-derived raw materials with recycled resin to reduce the amount of petroleum-derived raw materials
- \*3: Company survey
- \*4: Quality of Life
- \*5: The "HELLO! eco!" mark is displayed on products that meet any of following ecology standards designated by Hisamitsu

"HELLO! eco!" Mark



- 1) Product with sachets or cases reduced in size, compared with the conventional our product or representative our products
- 2) Products made of raw materials that contribute to reduction of environmental burden (plant-derived materials, reused materials, etc.)
- Products that have reduced environmental impact through the product life cycle, compared with the conventional our product or representative our products
  "HELLO! eco!" Website https://global.hisamitsu/sustainability/hello-eco.html