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### **SymBio Announces Taiwan NDA Approval of Bendamustine Hydrochloride (SyB L-0501)**

TOKYO, Japan, October 21, 2011 -- SymBio Pharmaceuticals Limited (Headquarters: Tokyo, President & CEO: Fuminori Yoshida, "SymBio") announced that InnoPharmax Inc. (Headquarters: Taipei City, Taiwan, "InnoPharmax") received approval of its New Drug Application (NDA) for bendamustine HCl (SyB L-0501) from the Taiwan Food and Drug Administration (TFDA) on October 18, 2011 for the treatment of patients with indolent non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and chronic lymphocytic leukemia. SyB L-0501 will be marketed under the trade name Innomustine<sup>®</sup> in Taiwan. A License Agreement was concluded between the two companies in March, 2008, in which SymBio granted InnoPharmax the exclusive right to develop and market the drug in Taiwan.

In Japan, SymBio received market approval of TREAKISYM<sup>®</sup> (SyB L-0501) in October, 2010 for the treatment of patients with refractory/relapsed low-grade non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and mantle cell lymphoma. Sales of TREAKISYM<sup>®</sup> in Japan continue to gain momentum since its launch in December, 2010, by SymBio's business partner, Eisai Co., Ltd. In other Asian markets, SyB L-0501 has been approved in Hong Kong (December, 2009) and Singapore (January, 2010) for the treatment of patients with indolent non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and chronic lymphocytic leukemia, and in South Korea (May, 2011) for the treatment of patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia and multiple myeloma.

Aspiring to be a leading oncology specialty Pharma in Asia Pacific, SymBio's business in key Asian markets continues to expand as it nimbly develops and commercializes SyB L-0501 in the hematology space to address the underserved medical needs of patients.

The product launch in Taiwan has been included in SymBio's financial forecast for FY 2011.

**[Please see the following for further information on bendamustine hydrochloride and SymBio]**

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**Note to Editors**

**1. About Bendamustine Hydrochloride (SyB L-0501)**

Bendamustine was first synthesized in the early 1960s in former 'East Germany' by Jenapharm, and is currently marketed in Germany under the brand name "Ribomustin<sup>®</sup>" as a treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, multiple myeloma and chronic lymphocytic leukemia. Mundipharma has received market authorization in a number of EU countries for bendamustine under the brand name "Levact<sup>®</sup>." In the United States, the drug has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and is marketed as TREANDA<sup>®</sup> for the treatment of chronic lymphocytic leukemia and relapsed indolent B-cell non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. SymBio Pharmaceuticals Limited originally acquired the exclusive right from Astellas Deutschland GmbH (Headquarters: Munich, Germany, formerly Astellas Pharma GmbH) to develop and commercialize bendamustine in Japan (December, 2005), followed by signature of a second license agreement for the exclusive right to China/Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea and Singapore (March, 2007).

**2. About TREAKISYM<sup>®</sup>**

**Product Name:**

TREAKISYM<sup>®</sup> for Injection, for intravenous infusion 100 mg

**Generic Name:**

bendamustine hydrochloride

**Indications and Usage:**

For the treatment of relapsed or refractory forms of the following indications:

- Low-grade B-cell non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Mantle cell lymphoma

**Dosage and Administration:**

The standard adult dose of bendamustine hydrochloride is 120 mg/m<sup>2</sup> infused intravenously over 60 minutes on Days 1 and 2 of repeated 21-day cycles. The dose may be reduced as deemed appropriate according to the patient's condition.

**3. About SymBio Pharmaceuticals Limited**

SymBio Pharmaceuticals Ltd. was established in March, 2005 by Fuminori Yoshida, who previously served concurrently as Corporate VP of Amgen Ltd. and founding President of Amgen Japan (currently Takeda Bio Development Center Limited). The company's underlying corporate mission is "delivering hope to patients in need" as it aspires to be a leading specialty pharmaceutical company in Asia Pacific dedicated to addressing underserved medical needs in the areas of oncology, hematology and autoimmune disease.