



PRESS RELEASE

## **Astellas moves to Leiden Bio Science Park**

**Leiderdorp, 27 mei 2010 - The Japanese pharma concern Astellas has decided to move to the Leiden Bio Science Park. On behalf of Astellas, Mr Masao Yoshida, President and CEO, has signed a contract with Leiden University, owner of the land, and with project developer G&S Vastgoed (Real Estate).**

The new building, which will be completed at the end of 2012, will also house an ultramodern laboratory for scientific research. At the moment Astellas is spread over a number of buildings, situated in Leiderdorp. All 550 employees will transfer to Leiden.

The Leiden Bio Science Park is not only attractive to Astellas because of its situation and accessibility, but also because various biotech companies are already located there. University Leiden, the Leiden University Medical Centre (LUMC) and the laboratory education of the Hogeschool Leiden are also in the vicinity. Astellas expects to expand further over the next few years and will therefore require new, often highly-educated people. Being in the proximity of these places of higher education is seen by Astellas as a definite advantage. Nettie Buitelaar, CEO of the Leiden Bio Science Park foundation: "Astellas will fit in perfectly well, we are very proud to have them here on the science park."

Ben van Berkel of UN Studio, the architect from Amsterdam who has designed the new building, has adhered to the so-called BREEAM standard, which is an international standard for sustainability. Because of that, approximately 40 percent less CO<sub>2</sub> greenhouse gas will be emitted during construction than would normally have been the case. The new laboratory and offices are the first of their kind in the Netherlands to meet this standard.

The Works Council has been informed and has reacted positively to the intended move.

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Note to editorial staff: further information can be obtained from Koos Woltjes on +31 6 3011 6890. Pictures of the signing ceremony are available through Koos Woltjes.

#### About Astellas:

Astellas is dedicated to improving the health of people around the world through the provision of innovative and reliable pharmaceutical products. Globally, the company is recognised in the 20 leading pharmaceutical companies. With more than 15,000 employees around the world; 850 employees in the Netherlands; 300 in Astellas' manufacturing company in Meppel Astellas strives to develop medicine that makes a difference to people's lives; its main fields of activity being urology, cardiology, dermatology, transplantation medicine, pain control and contagious diseases. [www.astellas.nl](http://www.astellas.nl)