News Release



Changes to Principal Shareholder

July 4, 2002 --- Santen Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. announced that a "*Principal Shareholder*," as stipulated by the Tokyo Stock Exchange as a shareholder with 10% or more shares in a company's total number of voting rights, has been changed as of June 25, 2002.

1. Details of the change

On June 25, 2002, Silchester International Investors Limited reported to Santen that the Company had purchased Santen's shares. This resulted in the change to Santen's Principal Shareholder as definition follows:

2. Description of Shareholder Company

Name of Shareholder	Address	Description
Silchester International Investors Limted	Heathcoat House, 20 Savile Row	Asset Management
(Chairman: Steven Butt)	London W1S 3PR, UK	Company

3. Number of voting rights and share of total number of voting rights

	Number of voting rights	Share of total number of	Shareholder ranking
	owned by the Company	voting rights	
Before (as of May 27, 2002)	8,344	9.31%	1 st
After (as of June 25, 2002)	9,268	10.34%	1 st

Note: The total number of voting rights is 89,557.

4. Outlook for the future

Silchester International Investors main customers are U.S. foundation and pension funds, and
invest with the mid-term and long-term view rather than the short term. Santen was informed that
the possession of stock of our company is in line with this policy.

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