



GNI Announces Election of New Directors and Auditor

Tokyo, June 30, 2008 – GNI Ltd (TSE Mothers 2160), a leading biopharmaceutical company in China and Japan, announced today the election of four new independent Directors to its Board of Directors and one new member to its Board of Auditors by Common Stock shareholders at the Seventh Annual Shareholder Meeting, held on June 24, 2008. The new Directors are: Mr. Aaron Harris, Founder of TVA; Mr. Richard Parkinson, General Partner of Healthcare Partner II LP; Mr. Hideaki Sashiwa, President of Nippon Concierge Co., Ltd.; and Dr. Jan Hoflack, Vice President of Medicinal Chemistry of J&J Belgium and Managing Director of Pharmopsis BVBA. The new Auditor is Mr. Tatsuo Yamanaka, Advisor of JEMCO JAPAN MANAGEMENT Co., Ltd.

Two independent Directors resigned from the Board. They are Mr. Yoichi Suzuki, investment partner at Innovation Engine Inc.; and Mr. Takeo Matsumoto, CEO and Managing Partner of bhp. Continuing as directors of the Company are: Dr. Ying Luo, CEO of GNI; Mr. Ken Suzuki, President and CFO of GNI; Dr. Jun Wu, CSO of GNI; and Professor Stephen Smith, Principal of the Faculty of Medicine of Imperial College of the United Kingdom.

"Our new Board of Directors has started working immediately to pursue initiatives to improve the performance of the Company. Together and individually, these new directors are independent-minded leaders with strong capabilities and highly relevant expertise," said Dr. Ying Luo, Representative Director and CEO of GNI.

New Director Biographies

Aaron M. Harris: After graduation from Princeton University in 1993, He joined Chemical Bank as financial analyst. Later, Mr. Harris joined Nicholas Applegate Capital Management and raised funds. From 2000 to 2005, he was at Gartmore Global Investments (Philadelphia) as Portfolio Manager. He is experienced in identifying early trend in global technology stocks and emerging markets. In 2006, he founded TVA, a company specialized in researching and advising China investment opportunities to US-based institutional investors.

Richard J. Parkinson: Richard J. Parkinson has been actively investing in Asia including Hong Kong, Japan and Singapore for over 15 years. After graduation from Oxford University, he joined Wasserstein Perella & Co., focusing on M&A transactions in Asia. From 1996 to 2002, he has led multiple financing/investment transactions in Japan as both a private entrepreneur and latterly in private equity as Managing Director of Whitney & Co. In 2004, he started Optima Capital which focuses on investments in financial services and healthcare. He is currently a General Partner of Healthcare Partners II LP.

Hideaki Sashiwa: After graduating from Waseda University, Hideaki Sashiwa has worked with some major securities companies including Daiwa Securities Co.Ltd, Kleinwort Benson and Goldman Sachs and cultivated his specialized knowledge about finance and investment. Mr. Sashiwa holds a degree in Commerce at Waseda University. He is currently President of Nippon Concierge Co., Ltd., Auditor of UNIVERSALAVIATION Co., JP Holdings, Co., Ltd., and Director of NIKKATSU Corporation.

Jan Hoflack: Dr. Hoflack has over 21 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry, with previous employments at Marion Merrell Dow in France (now Sanofi-Aventis), Novartis in Switzerland, and AstraZeneca in Sweden. In 2000, he joined Johnson and Johnson in Belgium as Vice-President of Medicinal Chemistry and Biosciences for the European R&D operation. His experience is in drug discovery and development, building the translational research process, exploring new value creating entrepreneurial organizational models for R&D and developing partnerships with international

pharmaceutical companies. Dr. Hoflack holds a doctorate in Organic Chemistry from the State University Ghent, Belgium. He is also a managing director of Pharmopsis BVBA.

New Auditor Biographies

Tatsuo Yamanaka: Lector Tatsuo Yamanaka joined Mitsui & Company Limited after he had graduated from Keio University, Faculty of Economics. Starting with his career at Finance Division (Head office), he has had over 40-year experiences in Mitsui & Company Limited and held titles of resident officer of European branches, supervisor and CFO at New York Branch, General Manager at Finance Division (Head office), and Corporate Auditor, etc. After he had retired, he took the position of Managing Director of Toyo Engineering Co., Ltd. until 2006. He is currently Lector of Tokai University and Advisor of JEMCO JAPAN MANAGEMENT Co., Ltd.

About GNI

Founded in 2001, GNI, Ltd. is a clinical-stage international drug development company with its headquarters in Tokyo, Japan, and major operations in Shanghai, China. In June 2005, GNI acquired Shanghai Genomics, which was also founded in 2001, and currently operates an integrated drug discovery and development platform in Shanghai. The combined strengths of GNI and Shanghai Genomics have resulted in research collaborations with major international pharmaceutical companies. GNI has offices in Beijing, Tianjin, and Zhengzhou, China. For further information, please visit www.qnipharma.com and www.shanghaigenomics.com.

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