

## Press Release

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To Whom It May Concern:

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### **EPS To Establish New Company For Full-scale Entry Into the e-Trial Field**

#### **EPS takes the initiative in clinical trials in Asia by optimizing EDC systems**

EPS Co., Ltd. (President & CEO: Yan Hao) is pleased to announce that it has established a new company, in preparation for full-scale entry into the e-Trial field and with a view to expanding clinical trials in Asia.

#### **1. Purpose of the new company**

With the rapid globalization of clinical trials spreading to Japan in recent years, it has become essential to conduct multinational clinical trials. Moreover, as the success of clinical trials using common protocols in the global arena depends largely on the standardization of CRFs (Case Report Forms or investigation forms), data management and other documentation processes, many global pharmaceutical companies are turning to EDC as a solution. The new company, therefore, will optimize EDC systems and their operation process to meet the needs of each pharmaceutical company and to provide comprehensive support to global clinical trials being carried out mainly in Japan and China.

With a view to expanding the global clinical trials in the Asian countries, the new company, in collaboration with EPS and the EPS Group companies, will offer services that will enable clinical trial data obtained in China to be filed in Japan, Europe and

the U.S. The addition of China to multinational clinical trials will accelerate the clinical trial process and reduce the cost of such trials.

By providing services in tune with the strategies of Japanese companies, as well as global companies from around the world, the new company will become instrumental to the globalization of the CRO business. Furthermore, by creating new market demands, the new company is expected to demonstrate stable growth.

## 2. **Outline of the new company**

Name of company	e-Trial Co., Ltd.
Representative	Hisao Imamura
Paid-in capital	50 million yen (EPS 100%)
Date of establishment	March 23, 2006 (Start of business: April 3, 2006)
Location of head office	2-3-19, Koraku, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo

## 3. **Effects of the establishment of the new company on consolidated results**

The effects of this corporate split on the consolidated results for the current fiscal year are expected to be slight. Any anticipated effects on the consolidated results will be announced as they are confirmed.

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### **Explanation of Terms: EDC (Electronic Data Capturing)**

EDC is an acronym for an Electronic Data Capturing system for clinical trial data. With the system, clinical investigators or staff input data into their personal computers, collect the relevant data via the Internet or exclusive channels, and perform data checking and data management, including checks for omissions and consistency.