

(Attachment)

June 27, 2002

Chugai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.

To our Shareholders:

NOTICE CONCERNING ALLOTMENT AND DISTRIBUTION  
OF GEN-PROBE SHARES

With respect to the allotment and distribution of shares of Gen-Probe Incorporated (“Gen-Probe”) as a result of the spin-off of Gen-Probe which has already been announced, we would like to inform you that the details of the procedures of such allotment and distribution have been decided as set forth below. For details of such procedures, you are kindly requested to refer also to the Information Statement of Gen-Probe which has been mailed to you.

1. Shareholders Entitled to Allotment and Distribution of Gen-Probe Shares

Shareholders who are registered in the shareholders’ register and beneficial shareholders’ register of Chugai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (“Chugai”) as of the close of July 31, 2002 (the “Allotment Standard Date”) will be entitled to the allotment and distribution of Gen-Probe shares.

2. Shares of Gen-Probe to Be Allotted and Distributed

For each share of common stock of Chugai that each eligible shareholder owns as of the Allotment Standard Date, 0.086 shares of Gen-Probe common stock shall be allotted and distributed to the shareholders.

3. Timing of Allotment and Distribution

After having completed the requisite procedures for the distribution of Gen-Probe shares, including determination of the shareholders’ register as of the Allotment Standard Date and the listing of Gen-Probe shares on the NASDAQ in the U.S., the allotment and distribution of Gen-Probe shares through Mellon Investor Services, the transfer agent of Gen-Probe, shall be completed on or around September 16, 2002 (Japan time).

4. Mailing of Necessary Documents to Shareholders

At or around the beginning of September, we plan to mail to shareholders an allotment account statement, documents required for holding or disposing of Gen-Probe shares and reference materials.

5. Method of Receipt of Gen-Probe Shares

As a method of distributing Gen-Probe shares, we will use the Direct Registration System (“DRS”). DRS is a method taken by U.S. companies of administering shareholders’ registers by U.S. companies.

Shareholders will automatically be registered in the register of Gen-Probe in the DRS based on the shareholders’ register as of the Allotment Standard Date and be allotted and distributed Gen-Probe shares. Shareholders can confirm the details of the shares so registered with the statement to be sent by Mellon.

Shareholders will be required to take no procedure to receive Gen-Probe shares, such as submission of an application and surrender of share certificates of Chugai.

Please be informed, however, that shareholders are requested to confirm the English transliteration of the name and address of shareholders by using the postal card to be separately mailed. As the names and addresses of shareholders as of the Allotment Standard Date must be registered in the initial shareholders’ register of Gen-Probe for the purposes of administering Gen-Probe’s shareholders’ register, such confirmation is intended to make the English transliteration of the names and addresses as accurate as possible. Since correction of the names and addresses once registered requires a lot of time and effort, shareholders are kindly requested to cooperate in the confirmation mentioned above.

Note: Direct Registration System (DRS)

DRS is a system that allows shares to be owned, recorded and transferred electronically without having a physical share certificate issued. A number of security firms and financial institutions in the U.S. conduct transactions through the DRS.

6. Method of Sell-off of Gen-Probe Shares

It is planned that Gen-Probe will have its common stock listed on the NASDAQ in the U.S., and that trading of Gen-Probe shares will commence soon after the distribution thereof.

Japanese residents are generally required to trade foreign securities through a foreign securities

trading account opened with a securities firm licensed in Japan. Thus, shareholders who desire to sell Gen-Probe shares after the contemplated allotment and distribution generally need to have their own shares registered in the DRS transferred to their own account at the securities firm handling such process (a list of securities firms handling such process is set forth below). Accordingly, the timing in which shareholders can actually trade Gen-Probe shares differs depending on the number of days required to complete this process.

We will inform you of the details of the transfer process mentioned above upon their being determined.

\* List of Securities Firms Handling the Above-mentioned Process (As of June 18, 2002)

Ando Securities Co., Ltd.  
Ichiyoshi Securities Co., Ltd.  
Ace Securities Co., Ltd.  
Okasan Securities Co., Ltd.  
Kokusai Securities Co., Ltd.  
Cosmo Securities Co., Ltd.  
Goldman Sachs (Japan) Ltd.  
Sakura Friend Securities Co., Ltd.  
Jyujiya Securities Co., Ltd.  
Shinko Securities Co., Ltd.  
Century Securities Co., Ltd.  
Daiwa Securities Co., Ltd.  
Daiwa Securities SMBC Co., Ltd.  
Chuo-Securities Co., Ltd.  
Tokai Tokyo Securities Co., Ltd.  
Toyo Securities Co., Ltd.  
Nikko Cordial Securities Inc.  
Nippon Global Securities  
Nomura Securities Co., Ltd.  
Marusan Securities Co., Ltd.  
Mizuho Investors Securities Co., Ltd.  
Mito Securities Co., Ltd.  
Meiko National Securities Co., Ltd.  
UFJ Tsubasa Securities Co., Ltd.

Note: The list above sets forth the securities firms that notified us of their intention to handle the process. Securities firms not listed above may also handle the process.