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**Recommended cash acquisition of ProStrakan Group plc
by Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co., Ltd.
Court sanction of Scheme and confirmation of Capital Reduction**

On 21 February 2011, the boards of Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co., Ltd. (“**KHK**”) and ProStrakan Group plc (“**ProStrakan**”) announced that they had reached agreement on the terms of a recommended cash acquisition by KHK of the entire issued and to be issued share capital of ProStrakan (the “**Acquisition**”), to be implemented by way of a scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006 (the “**Scheme**”).

ProStrakan announces that, at a hearing earlier today, the Court of Session in Edinburgh, Scotland sanctioned the Scheme and confirmed the related Capital Reduction required to effect the Acquisition.

Accordingly, all the Conditions to the Scheme have been satisfied or waived other than the delivery to and registration by the Registrar of Companies in Scotland of certified copies of the Court Order and Statement of Capital. This is expected to take place on 21 April 2011, at which point the Scheme and the related Capital Reduction will become effective.

Dealings in ProStrakan Shares on the London Stock Exchange were suspended with effect from 6.00 p.m. (London time) on 19 April 2011. It is expected that the Scheme will become effective on 21 April 2011 and that the cancellation of the admission to trading of the ProStrakan Shares on the London Stock Exchange’s main market for listed securities and the cancellation of the admission to listing of the ProStrakan Shares on the Official List of the UK Listing Authority will each take place by 8.00 a.m. on 21 April 2011.

Upon the Scheme becoming effective, holders of Scheme Shares will be entitled to receive 130 pence for each Scheme Share held by them at the Scheme Record Time (6.00 p.m. on 19 April 2011).

It is expected that the consideration due to Scheme Shareholders will be dispatched to them by no later than 4 May 2011.

Terms and expressions used in this announcement shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meanings as given to them in the Scheme Document dated 8 March 2011.

This announcement will be made available on the ProStrakan website at www.prostrakan.com

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