

## Lupin launches once-a-day dosage cephalexin\_\_\_\_\_

Mumbai, May 9, 2003: Lupin Ltd today launched Ceff-ER 750 mg tablets, a once-a-day oral dosage form of cephalexin, a drug used in the treatment of day-to-day infections of the respiratory tract, urinary tract and skin and soft tissue. Ceff-ER is the first product in the cephalosporins segment coming out of Lupin's research in NDDS (New Drug Delivery Systems).

The India market for oral cephalexin solids is valued at Rs. 1.4 billion as per March 2003 ORG data.

Dosage convenience is considered a critical factor in ensuring patient compliance to drug prescription. Lupin's once-a-day dosage form will be a big leap over the thrice-a-day dosages currently on offer, which come in 250 mg and 500 mg strengths. Lupin's research centre in Pune, which began operations in October 2001, focuses on new chemical entities, NDDS and complex process chemistry for drug manufacture.

### **About Lupin**

Lupin Limited, founded in 1968, is a pharmaceutical company from India focused on excellence through technology and research. Lupin manufactures intermediates, bulk actives and dosages. The therapeutic areas include, among others, anti-TB, cephalosporins, cardiovasculars and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). Seven of Lupin's API plants have been approved by the USFDA and two plants (one dosages and one API) have been approved by the UKMCA. Its revenues in FY 2001-02 (April-March) were Rs 9.57 billion (\$199 million). Lupin's Research Park, in Pune city near Mumbai, conducts leading-edge research in generics, new chemical entities (NCEs), and novel drug delivery systems (NDDS). For more information, please visit <http://www.lupinworld.com>

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