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Lupin receives FDA tentative approval for Eszopiclone tablets

Mumbai, March 20, 2010: Pharma Major, Lupin Limited announced today that its U.S subsidiary, Lupin Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (LPI) has received tentative approval for the Company's Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) for Eszopiclone tablets, 1 mg, 2 mg and 3 mg from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (USFDA).

Lupin's Eszopiclone tablets are the AB-rated generic equivalent of Sepracor's LUNESTA® tablets, indicated for the treatment of insomnia. The brand product had annual sales of approximately \$761 million for the twelve months ended December 2009, based on IMS Health sales data.

Commenting on the approval, Vinita Gupta, President and CEO of Lupin Pharmaceuticals, Inc. said, "We are pleased to receive this tentative approval and look forward to bringing Eszopiclone tablets to the US market as an affordable generic alternative post patent expiry".

The product will be introduced in the market through LPI's strong network of national wholesalers and pharmacy chains post patent expiry in 2012.

About Lupin Limited

Headquartered in Mumbai, India, Lupin Limited is an innovation led transnational pharmaceutical company producing a wide range of quality, affordable generic and branded formulations and APIs for the developed and developing markets of the world. The Company today has significant market share in key markets in the Cardiovasculars (prils and statins), Diabetology, Asthma, Pediatrics, CNS, GI, Anti-Infectives and NSAIDs therapy segments, not to mention global leadership positions in the Anti-TB and Cephalosporins. The Company's R&D endeavors have resulted in significant progress in its NCE program. The Company's foray into Advanced Drug Delivery Systems has resulted in the development of platform technologies that are being used to develop value-added generic pharmaceuticals.

Our Drugs and products reach over 70 countries in the world. Today, Lupin has the unique distinction of being the fastest growing top 10 Generics players in the two largest pharmaceutical markets of the world – The U.S (ranked 8th by prescriptions & growing at 50 %) and Japan (ranked 7th and growing at 23%). The company is also the fastest growing, top 5 pharmaceutical players in India (ORG IMS - March 2009) and the fastest growing Generic player in South Africa (ranked 6th and growing at 36 % YoY - IMS)

For the financial year ended March 2009, Lupin's Consolidated Revenues and Profit after Tax were Rs.39,145 million (US\$ 851 million) and Rs. 5015 million (US\$ 109 million) respectively. Please visit <http://www.lupinworld.com> for more information about Lupin Ltd.

Lupin Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is the U.S. wholly owned subsidiary of Lupin Ltd. Headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland, Lupin Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is dedicated to delivering high-quality, affordable generic medicines and branded formulations trusted by healthcare professionals and patients across geographies. For more information, visit <http://www.lupinpharmaceuticals.com>.

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