Lupin Net Sales up 10% at Rs. 2,796 mn

- o Domestic revenues at Rs.1,464 mn (Rs. 1,314 mn) up 11%
- o API Exports to advanced markets at Rs.420 mn (Rs.334 mn) up 26%
- Two ANDAs and four DMFs filed with USFDA; taking the total to 10 ANDAs and
 11 DMFs in the current year
- o R&D spend at Rs. 182 mn up 83%
- o Anti-TB and anti-psoriasis molecules enter phase I clinical trials

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Mumbai, 25 January 2005: Lupin Limited net sales (net of excise duty and trade discounts) for the quarter ended 31st Dec 2004 increased by 10% to Rs.2,796 mn from Rs.2,543 mn, a year ago. During the quarter under review, the domestic revenues increased by 11% to Rs.1,464 mn from Rs.1,314 mn a year ago. Of this domestic finished product revenues increased by 15% to Rs.1,139 mn (Rs.990 mn) driven by robust growth in the CVS and other lifestyle diseases segments. Export revenues increased by 8% to Rs.1,332 mn (Rs. 1,229 mn). Of these, API exports revenues from the advanced markets increased by 26% to Rs. 420 mn (Rs. 334 mn).

During the quarter under review, the company incurred Rs.81 mn (nil) on account of Suprax sales promotion expenses. Research and development spend (excluding depreciation) during the quarter increased from Rs.99 mn to Rs.182 mn in the current year. Consequent to the above, EBIDTA (Earnings before interest, depreciation, tax & amortization) was at Rs.414 mn (Rs.764 mn). Interest and finance charges for the quarter were lower at Rs.71 mn (Rs. 132 mn). Profit before Tax was at Rs. 261 mn (Rs.560 mn). Tax provision (current) for the quarter was lower at Rs.30 mn (Rs.154 mn) on account of increased revenues from EOU unit and increased R&D spends. As a result, net profit for the quarter was at Rs.245 mn (Rs.400 mn).

The company filed two ANDAs and four DMFs with the USFDA; besides, one COS with the EDQM was also filed during the quarter under review.

For the 9 months ended 31st December 2004, Lupin recorded a net sales growth of 3% at Rs. 8,719 mn (Rs. 8,464 mn). Net profit was at Rs. 626 mn as against Rs. 690 mn.

Commenting on the performance Dr. Kamal Sharma, Managing Director said "The company's focus on R&D continues and the company is on track to achieve its target ANDA and DMF filings in the

advanced markets. Simultaneously, the company continues to invest in building its branded business in the US".

HIGHLIGHTS

APIs and finished products to advanced markets

- Total Q3 revenues, API and finished products taken together, from the advanced markets of North America and Europe were at Rs. 429 mn (Rs. 396 mn), up 8%.
- Q3 revenues from exports of APIs (active pharmaceutical ingredients) to the advanced markets of North America and Europe were up 26% at Rs.420 mn (Rs.334 mn).
- For the nine months ended 31st Dec 2004, revenues from the advanced markets were at Rs. 1,354 mn (Rs. 1,639 mn).

APIs to developing markets

- o Revenues in Q3 of APIs to developing markets (including India) were at Rs.1,091 mn (Rs. 978 mn).
- Of this, export revenues were at Rs. 777 mn (Rs. 664 mn), a growth of 17%. Exports to China picked up during the quarter with an improving price trend of Pen G based products.
- O API revenues from the domestic market were at Rs.314 mn (Rs.314 mn).
- o For the nine months ended 31st Dec 2004, revenues from APIs to developing markets (including India) were at Rs. *3,246* mn (Rs. *3,322* mn). Export revenues were at Rs. *2,238* mn (Rs. *2,307* mn). Revenues from India were at Rs. *1,007* mn (Rs. *1,015* mn).

Finished products to developing markets

- o Finished products net revenues from developing markets (including India) were at Rs. 1,265 mn (Rs. 1,159 mn), a growth of 9%.
- Revenue from finished products in India increased by 15% to Rs.1,139 mn (Rs.990 mn). The
 company's focus on the lifestyle related therapies resulted in impressive growth in the CVS and
 Diabetology segments.
- o Exports to developing markets were at Rs. 125 mn (Rs. 169 mn).
- o For the nine months ended 31st Dec 2004, revenues from finished products to developing markets (including India) were at Rs. 4,073 mn (Rs. 3,462 mn), up 18%. Revenues from India were at Rs. 3,808 mn (Rs. 3,134 mn), up 22%. Export revenues were at Rs. 265 mn (Rs. 328 mn).

Research And Development

- Two ANDAs filed during the quarter. Cumulative 10 for the year and 15 to date have been filed, of which five have been approved.
- o Four DMFs filed with the US FDA. Cumulative 25 filed till date.
- o One COS filed with the EDQM.
- o The company's INDs for anti TB and anti-psoriasis molecules received IND approvals from the DCGI and entered phase I clinical trials.

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