

## **Lupin gets US FDA approval for Lisinopril-HCTZ Tablets**

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**Mumbai, 28 September 2006:** Lupin Ltd., announced today that the US FDA has approved the Company's Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) for its Lisinopril and Hydrochlorothiazide Tablets (Lisinopril-HCTZ Tablets) in 10mg/12.5mg, 20mg/12.5mg and 20mg/25mg strengths. Lisinopril-HCTZ Tablets are indicated for the treatment of hypertension.

Lisinopril-HCTZ Tablets are being marketed by Merck & Co. Inc. under the brand name Prinzide®. The total sales for the year ending July 2006 were approximately US\$ 106 million, per IMS Health.

"The approval of Lisinopril-HCTZ Tablets expands the breadth of the cardiovascular offering of the Company and is a value-add follow on to our earlier launch of Lisinopril Tablets," said Dr Kamal K. Sharma, Managing Director, Lupin.

Lisinopril-HCTZ is Lupin's first FDA approved combination drug and with this approval, Lupin now has 16 approved ANDAs.

### **About Lupin**

Headquartered in Mumbai, Lupin Ltd. is a leading pharmaceutical company with strong research focus. It has a programme for developing New Chemical Entities. The Company has state-of-the-art R&D center in Pune. The Company is a leading global player in Anti-TB, Cephalosporins (anti-infectives) and Cardiovascular drugs (prils and statins) and has a notable presence in the areas of diabetology, NSAIDS and Asthma.

For the quarter ended June 2006, the Company's Revenues and Profit after Tax were Rs.4,851 million (US\$ 105 million) and Rs.507 million (US\$ 11 million) respectively.

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