

## **Strides Arcolab Discontinues Manufacturing Operations**

### **In Its New Jersey Facility**

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Strides Arcolab Limited, one of the leading global manufacturers of pharmaceuticals, today announced that its loss making manufacturing operation for OTC & Nutraceuticals for Soft Gelatin products in the US (conducted through its subsidiary, Strides Inc.) has been shutdown.

The changing regulatory framework in the USA for OTC & Nutraceutical products does not make the plant viable anymore. The facility incurred an operating loss of approx. Rs.280 Mio (US\$ 7.10 Mio) in the financial year 2007.

The Company continues to engage with interested parties on the disposal of the asset but the ceasing of the manufacturing operations will ensure the immediate reduction of losses in its operations in the USA.

The Soft Gelatin business continues to be attractive for Strides and its Indian Plant is fully geared to meet enhanced demand that will be relocated to India.

### **About Strides Arcolab Limited**

Strides, listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange Limited (532531) and National Stock Exchange of India Limited (STAR), is one of India's largest exporters of branded generic pharmaceutical products. Strides manufacture pharmaceutical formulations in various dosage forms, including capsules, tablets, liquid injectables and is one of the world's top five manufacturers of softgel capsules. Strides also have the only globally dedicated soft gel facility for hormones. In addition, Strides undertakes contract research and the manufacturing of specialty chemicals for various multinational companies. Strides has a major presence in various developing countries such as Africa, Latin America and Asia as well as in developed markets such as the US, Canada and part of Europe. Strides is one of the largest Indian suppliers of institutionally funded aid projects and is an approved supplier to the World Bank, the African Development Bank and UNICEF, amongst others.

Strides has 15 manufacturing plants spread across the US, Brazil, Mexico, Italy, Poland, Singapore and India. This broad manufacturing network facilities partnering with global organizations ranging from UNICEF and WHO-Global Drug Facility to European and American pharmaceutical multinationals and also private labelers and distribution chains. Strides has product registrations in over 37 countries around the world. The Indian manufacturing facilities for the regulated markets are approved by all major regulatory bodies such as MHRA, EU, TGA, MCC and USFDA and GMP accreditations including USFDA. Strides employ approximately 1,700 people across the globe. Strides also have a marketing presence in over 50 countries.

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