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### **FMC Lithium Commissions India Facility to Service Expanding Pharmaceutical Market**

**BANGALORE, India, March 22, 2007** --- FMC Lithium commissioned, on February 26, 2007, its first factory in India near Hyderabad to manufacture organolithium compounds that are primarily used in the flourishing bulk drug industry. This reaffirms FMC's confidence in the growth and potential of the Indian pharmaceutical market.

The organolithium sector of the India pharmaceutical market is growing rapidly due to the extensive production of life-saving drugs that treat cardio-vascular diseases and HIV infection. As the leading global manufacturer of organolithium compounds, FMC has been supplying major producers in India through imports from the United States, but the new facility will make it much easier for the company to service the growing demand of customers in India while efficiently managing its supply chain.

Overall FMC Corporation's investment in the life science industry in India, encompassing the FMC Agricultural Products Group, FMC BioPolymer and the Lithium Division, is over US \$15 Million, notes Ricky Sikand, division manager, FMC Lithium.

The Agricultural Products Group and the Lithium Division operate in India through its wholly owned subsidiary, FMC India Private Ltd., which has its headquarters in Bangalore, while the BioPolymer Division operates independently from its base in Mumbai.

FMC's Lithium Division adds significant value to the active pharmaceutical ingredients sector of the India pharmaceutical industry. The company supplies many well-known generic manufacturing companies and works closely with several custom research and manufacturing organizations in India. In the future, the company plans to export organolithiums and allied organometallic products to Asia and other parts of the world

FMC's Lithium Division also has ambitious plans to establish itself in the emerging energy storage device manufacturing sector in India. Currently this sector is focused on the development of energy storage systems for the defense industry. However, with mobile manufacturers setting up production facilities in India, it is expected that lithium battery manufacture for commercial applications will also expand to support the fast growing mobile phone market.

“Over the next few years our presence will grow as we plan to invest further in research and development activities to develop new products for the domestic and export markets,” said Soumitra Purkayastha, Country Manager India, FMC Lithium.

Besides supply of products, FMC also provides engineering consultation on facility design, proper safety procedures and personnel handling training to all its customers. The company prides itself in being a total solution provider to its customers, rather than just a product manufacturer or supplier, said Purkayastha.

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