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## **Global Pharmaceutical Quality Supported by USP Expansion**

### *India and USP Strengthen Partnership*

**Hyderabad, India, February 11, 2010** — As part of its mission to help ensure the quality, safety, and benefit of medicines and foods worldwide, the U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention (USP) held a groundbreaking ceremony for a planned expansion of its USP-India Private Limited facility in Hyderabad. Headquartered outside of Washington, D.C., USP is a nonprofit scientific organization that sets standards for the quality, purity, strength and identity of drugs, food ingredients and dietary supplements. USP's drug standards are legally enforceable in the United States, and all three types of standards are used in more than 130 countries.

USP-India Private Ltd., located in Hyderabad's ICICI Knowledge Park, was USP's first laboratory and office facility outside the United States. Existing strong relationships between USP and Indian government, academic and industry representatives have been enhanced by USP's direct presence since the facility opened in 2005. USP-India Private Ltd. now employs 40 people, all Indian nationals, and provides in-country service to its many stakeholders in India and elsewhere in South Asia.

"The impressive growth of the Indian pharmaceutical sector over the past few years has increased demand for USP's products and services," said Roger L. Williams, M.D., USP's chief executive officer. "I've been very gratified by the relationships we've been able to forge with so many distinguished scientists and other officials in India, and the groundbreaking today marks the next phase in those relationships. The much larger facility now building will allow us to work more closely with the Indian Pharmacopoeial Commission, manufacturers and other stakeholders in India to help ensure the quality of the Indian food and drug supply, for use in India and for export as well."

Mr. B. P. Acharya, Chairman of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority, noted, "I am pleased that USP is expanding its facilities and activities in India, and that it established its office at Hyderabad, India's pharmaceutical hub. USP's presence has been a significant benefit to the local pharmaceutical industry and that will only increase with the expansion."

Mr. B. Sam Bob, Principal Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Commerce and Industries affirmed, "The government of Andhra Pradesh has an

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excellent working partnership with USP-India, and their commitment to an expanded, long-term presence is most welcome. We will continue to work together to secure high quality drugs in India, which our citizens have a right to expect.”

USP-India Private Ltd. currently works with Indian manufacturers on collaborative testing, verification testing, pharmacopeial education, customer support, and sourcing of written and physical standards for drugs. The new facility marks a significant increase in capability, going from 14,000 square feet to nearly 94,000 square feet with room for further growth. Additional staff will be hired, allowing expanded work in analytical chemistry and collaborative testing, and new initiatives in bio-analytic chemistry and testing, and synthetic chemistry.

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