

## TUL Granted an EU Certificate of Suitability

## **Products Acquired International Standard Accreditation**

(4 November 2007 – Hong Kong) – **The United Laboratories International Holdings Limited** ("**TUL**" or the "Group"; Stock code:3933), one of the major manufacturers of antibiotics in the PRC is pleased to announce the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines ("EDQM") issued a Certificate of Suitability ("COS") to acknowledge, the bulk medicine of Amoxicillin, one of the key antibiotics products of **TUL**. It is the first time **TUL** is granted a COS, and the certificate is also the very first for bulk medicine of Amoxicillin in China.

The COS is a testament of quality control of the bulk medicine listed in European Pharmacopeia. It has been deemed as another legitimate way for the registration of PRC bulk medicine by EU finished product manufacturers. The bulk medicine manufacturer can also tender application for the registration on its own. Simply speaking, COS will be advantageous for bulk medicine manufacturers to gain more business opportunities with EU clients.

Mr. Choy Kam Lok, Chairman of **TUL** said, "Amoxicillin is one of our competitive products. Our own 6-APA production and supply system enables us to undertake the upstream production of intermediate products, the mid-stream processing of intermediate products into bulk medicine as well as the downstream production of antibiotics finished products from bulk medicine. Such vertical integration not only provides the Group with better control over product quality, but also helps in achieving greater cost effectiveness. The COS is set to be a catalyst facilitating the company's market expansion in Europe, thus boosting its market share in Europe. The accreditation of the COS also marks an important breakthrough in the Group's milestone.

Amoxicillin is one of the major antibiotic products of **TUL**, as well as one of the best selling antibiotics finished products in the PRC. In the first half of 2007, **TUL** is the largest Amoxicillin exporter<sup>1</sup> in the PRC.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Source from <u>www.healthcoo.com</u>

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## **Company Background**

Listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong in May 2007, **TUL** is principally engaged in the manufacturing and selling of bulk medicine and intermediate products used to produce antibiotics, and also antibiotics as finished goods. As one of the major manufacturers of antibiotic products in China, the Group also produces and sells, in smaller amounts, cough syrup, anti-allergy medicine as well as empty capsule casings. According to information published by Southern Medical Economic Research Center, the Group ranked amongst the top 20 chemical pharmaceutical industry enterprises in the PRC in 2005 in terms of revenue. As of 31 December 2006, the Group has a total of 127 products qualified to produce in the PRC and/Hong Kong based on the Drug Registration Approvals in the PRC and Certificates of Drug or Product Registration in Hong Kong, including 30 types of bulk medicine and 97 finished products.

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