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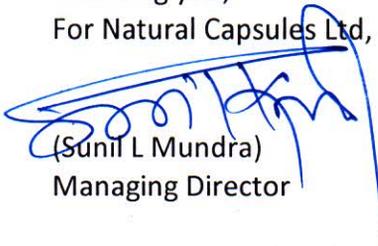
Dear Sir,

Sub: Approval accorded under PLI Scheme.

This is to inform that M/s Natural Biogenex Private Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of our Company has been approved to manufacture 3 bulk drugs viz, Betamethasone, Dexamethasone and Prednisolone under PLI (Production Linked Incentive) scheme as per attached Press Note of today issued by Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India.

Under this scheme, we will be eligible for a subsidy of 20% of the approved sales prices for 7 years starting from Financial year 2023-24.

Thanking you,
For Natural Capsules Ltd,



(Sunil L Mundra)
Managing Director

Encl: Press note dated 25-02-2021 issued by Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India.



Government of India
Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
Department of Pharmaceuticals

Press Note

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: 25th February, 2021

Subject: - Approval accorded under Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Promotion of Domestic Manufacturing of critical Key Starting Materials (KSMs)/ Drug Intermediates and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) in the country.

The Indian pharmaceutical industry is the 3rd largest in the world by volume. It has high market presence in several advanced economies such as the US and EU. The industry is well known for its production of affordable medicines, particularly in the generics space. However the country is significantly dependent on the import of basic raw materials, viz., Bulk Drugs that are used to produce medicines. In some specific bulk drugs, the import dependence is 80 to 100%.

2. With an objective to attain self-reliance and reduce import dependence in these critical Bulk Drugs - Key Starting Materials (KSMs)/ Drug Intermediates and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) in the country, the Department of Pharmaceuticals had launched a Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for promotion of their domestic manufacturing by setting up greenfield plants with minimum domestic value addition in four different Target Segments (In Two Fermentation based - at least 90% and in the Two Chemical Synthesis based – at least 70%) with a total outlay of Rs. 6,940 cr. for the period 2020-21 to 2029-30.

3. The applications under four different Target Segments were invited with 30th November, 2020 as the last date. In total, 215 applications have been received for the 36 products spread across the 4 Target Segments. The guidelines prescribed that the applications would be processed and decided within a period of 90 days, i.e., up to 28th February, 2021. Five applications with a committed investment of Rs.3,761 crore have already been approved under Target Segment I.

4. Eligible products under Target Segment II (Fermentation Based Niche KSMs/Drug Intermediates/APIs) were considered as per the decided evaluation and selection criteria. The applications of following companies, which have committed minimum/more than the minimum proposed annual production capacities and fulfil the prescribed criteria have been approved, as under:

Sl.No.	Name of approved Applicant	Name of Eligible Product	Committed Production Capacity (in MT)	Committed Investment (in Rs. crores)
1.	M/s Natural Biogenex Private Limited	Betamethasone	12	31.43
2.	M/s Natural Biogenex Private Limited	Dexamethasone	10	26.19
3.	M/s Natural Biogenex Private Limited	Prednisolone	15	39.29
4.	M/s SymbiotecPharmalab Private Limited		15	5.00
5.	M/s Macleods Pharmaceutical Limited	Rifampicin	200	198.36
6.	M/s Optimus Drugs Private Limited	Vitamin B1	200	35.00
7.	M/s Sudarshan Pharma Industries Limited		200	57.00
8.	M/s Optimus Drugs Private Limited	Streptomycin	50	30.00

5. Eligible products under Target Segment III (Key Chemical Synthesis Based KSMs/Drug Intermediates) were considered as per the decided evaluation and selection criteria. The applications of following companies, which have committed minimum/more than the minimum proposed annual production capacities and fulfil the prescribed criteria have been approved, as under:

Sl.No.	Name of approved Applicant	Name of Eligible Product	Committed Production Capacity (in MT)	Committed Investment (in Rs. crores)
1.	M/s Saraca Laboratories Limited	1,1 Cyclohexane Diacetic Acid (CDA)	3000	50.00
2.	M/s Emmennar Pharma Private Limited		1500	21.94
3.	M/s Hindys Lab Private Limited		3000	37.60

4.	M/s Aarti Speciality Chemicals Limited	2-Methyl-5Nitro-Imidazole (2-MNI)	4000	77.87
5.	M/s Meghmani LLP		13500	55.06
6.	M/s Sadhana Nitro Chem Limited*	Para amino phenol	36000	197.27

*Subject to outcome of Writ Petition.

6. The setting up of these plants will lead to total committed investment of Rs 862.01crore by the companies and employment generation of about 1763. With this, a total of 19 applications with committed investment of Rs.4623.01 crore have been approved by the Government. The commercial production is projected to commence from 1st April, 2023 onwards and the disbursal of production linked incentive by the Government over the six years period would be up to a maximum of Rs.4,870 cr. Setting of these plants will make the country self-reliant to a large extent in respect of these Bulk drugs. Further, applications under the Target Segment-IV are proposed to be taken up for approval before 28th February, 2021.
