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## Minister Officially Launches New PharmAust Manufacturing Facilities

**PharmAust Limited (ASX: PAA) will become WA's first dedicated producer and distributor of a range of generic over-the-counter and prescription medicines when its new state-of-the-art pharmaceutical manufacturing facility is officially opened today by the WA Minister for Energy; Science & Innovation, Francis Logan.**

The new PharmAust Manufacturing facility, which received TGA registration in March 2006, will produce and distribute high quality generic prescription medications, over-the-counter medicines, healthcare and personal care products.

Based in Welshpool, Western Australia, PharmAust Manufacturing has recently undergone a multi-million dollar refurbishment and the facility now boasts the latest pharmaceutical production capabilities, including a high-tech, pressure balanced air filtered clean room.

PharmAust Managing Director Dr Paul D'Sylva said: "PharmAust is positioning itself to become a leading producer and distributor of cost effective, generic pharmaceuticals in Australia and New Zealand.

"PharmAust's ability to produce 95 of its own 95 ARTG approved galenicals and Over the Counter (OTC) products coupled with its agreements to import and register prescription generics with its international partners, will allow us to provide high quality, low cost medicines to the rapidly expanding Australian market."

"The generics market in Australia, which is currently estimated to be worth \$1.2 billion, is expected to grow at a compound annual rate of 20% for the next five years. This growth is being fuelled in part by the expansion of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), increased uptake of generics and the growth in the number of blockbuster medicines coming off patent."

"This new facility positions PharmAust to begin implementing its generic pharmaceutical strategy," Dr D'Sylva said.

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PharmAust Limited is a vertically integrated pharmaceutical group of companies involved in a range of activities from contract drug discovery and development to manufacturing, sales and marketing of healthcare & pharmaceutical products. PharmAust wholly owns three operating subsidiary companies:

- **PharmAust Manufacturing Pty Ltd** manufactures and markets therapeutic and non-therapeutic pharmaceutical products for Australian and overseas markets.
- **Epichem Pty Ltd** provides contract chemistry services alongside its own intellectual property generating research activities.
- **Mimotopes Pty Ltd** provides products and services in discovery chemistry to the global pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries.