

Press Release

Aragen Commission state-of-the-art Formulations Manufacturing Facility in Hyderabad, India

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Aragen, a leading provider of contract research, development, and manufacturing services for the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, agrochemicals and animal health industries, has commissioned its new formulations manufacturing facility in Hyderabad, India. This state-of-the-art facility, set up at an investment of USD 3 Mn (Rs 25 Cr), is located at the Mallapur Campus in Hyderabad and spans over 12,000 square feet area. It is equipped to support the clinical manufacturing of a wide range of dosage forms, including oral solids, liquids, topicals, and films. Aragen's investment in this facility is a testament to its dedication to advancing pharmaceutical research and development and is synergistic to its well-established pre-formulation capabilities.

Manni Kantipudi, CEO, Aragen Life Sciences, said, *"We are thrilled to announce the commissioning of our new formulations manufacturing facility in Hyderabad. This state-of-the-art facility represents a major milestone in Aragen's journey, reinforcing our commitment to innovation and excellence. With this expansion, we can offer our customers an even broader range of services, from early-stage development to clinical manufacturing, all from a co-located facility. We look forward to leveraging these capabilities to support our customers' drug development needs, enabling them to bring life-changing medicines to patients worldwide."*

Key highlights of the facility include:

1. **Versatile Formulation Technologies:** The facility is equipped with a comprehensive suite of formulation technologies, including wet granulation, roller compaction, film coating, spray drying, tableting, capsule filling, bottle filling, and blister packing.
2. **Future-Ready Design:** The facility has been strategically designed to accommodate the addition of nano-milling and hot melt extrusion capabilities by next year, ensuring that Aragen stays at the forefront of pharmaceutical innovation.
3. **Regulatory Approvals:** The facility has been inspected and approved by Indian regulators, the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) and the Drug Control Administration (DCA). It has also successfully undergone multiple client audits, demonstrating its commitment to maintaining the highest standards of quality and compliance.
4. **Capacity:** The facility can accommodate flexible batch sizes ranging from 1,000 doses to 100,000 doses for solid orals and from 1 litre to 100 litres for liquids and will have a team of about 60 staff operating the facility.

This expansion enhances Aragen's New Chemical Entity (NCE) early-stage development offerings and provides greater flexibility to meet customers' clinical supply needs in various dosage forms. Aragen can now support its customers' clinical programs as an integrated end-to-end service provider, from Drug discovery to Phase I-III clinical supply of tablets, capsules, liquids, semisolids, and films to patients in the clinic.



Aragen has been offering Formulation R&D services from its 10,000 sq ft research facility since 2018. The setting up of the Formulation manufacturing facility is a forward integration strategy to further strengthen its overall position as a 'one-stop solution provider' for the life sciences industry.

About Aragen:

Aragen Life Sciences is a leading R&D and manufacturing solutions provider to the global life sciences industries. It offers a range of solutions across the drug development continuum to advance small and large-molecule programs. The Company operates through a global network of eight sites with a team of ~4200 employees and 450+ PhDs. Its expertise and experience have enabled over 400 customers (including 6 of the top 10 pharma companies globally) to advance their research programs from early discovery through development and commercialization. Aragen's innovative mindset, infrastructure, flexible business models, clear purpose, and proprietary project management platform have enabled it to effectively scale and service large pharma, biotech, agrochemical, and animal health industries globally. Visit www.aragen.com for more details.

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