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## JSC “Grindeks” manufacturing unit of ointments and gels

### FACT SHEET

- On 28 November 2012, a manufacturing unit of ointments and gels of “Grindeks” is solemnly unveiled, which is one of the most modern in the Baltic States and meets world-class standards of pharmaceutical manufacturing.
- Altogether 2.5 million lats were invested in the manufacturing unit of ointments and gels. 1.2 million lats of them were invested in the construction and 1.3 million lats – in the technological devices and equipment. 35% of the equipment cost or 448.67 thousand lats were covered attracting co-financing of the EU structural funds. Other investments were carried out by own resources.
- The investments are planned to be recovered within 2 years.
- Manufacturing is one of the operational priorities of “Grindeks”. Investments in the modernisation of manufacturing infrastructure and technological devices were made to increase productivity and production capacity.
- The new manufacturing unit will be able to produce up to 20 million tubes per year. The product filling is possible both in aluminium and plastic tubes.
- This manufacturing unit ensures manufacturing of ointments and gels, including ethanol-based, for both human and veterinary needs. In October 2012, the new manufacturing unit of ointments and gels received the Certificate of Good Manufacturing Practice from the State Agency of Medicines of Latvia.
- It is planned that the new manufacturing unit will provide also medication manufacturing for other companies according to their orders or to provide contract manufacturing services.
- The manufacturing unit construction and equipment installation project was implemented during the period from March 2011 until May 2012. The general contractor of the construction works of the manufacturing unit was the Latvian construction company “RBSSkals”.
- The total area of the manufacturing unit is 270m<sup>2</sup>.
- A modern automatic control system has been installed in the manufacturing unit that controls the microclimate in the premises, operation of the technical engineering systems, as well as regulates other manufacturing processes and significantly reduces energy consumption.
- The modern and high-powered technological devices ensure convenient, safe, efficient and environmentally friendly production.
- Manufacturing processes are organized in accordance with the requirements of Good Manufacturing Practice and ISO quality standards guaranteeing the quality and safety of the produced products.
- There are 10 employees working in the new manufacturing unit – qualified and experienced pharmaceutical production operators and technical engineering specialists.
- The following current products will be produced in the new manufacturing unit: Capsicam®, Viprosal B®, Sulfargin®, Ortofen®, Benzotal®, Terbital®, Begsan®.
- In order to ensure fast extension of the ointment and gel portfolio, “Grindeks” puts special attention on new product research and development. There are 4 new products under development.