



**ASX Announcement  
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### **API third quarter business update**

In December 2006 Australian Pharmaceutical Industries Limited (API) advised that it would provide an update on business progress once the third quarter trading period concluded. Total sales have tracked well for the three month period from November to January. The stabilisation of the Pharmacy division is evident, as it has matched the sales performance from the same period last year. The Retail division had a positive Christmas trading period and sales for the three months are up more than 6% on the same period last year.

In December API also advised that it forecast an EBITD for the second half of approximately \$39 million. Third quarter operating results are in-line with the company's expectations.

API notes that in regard to general trading conditions the pharmacy industry has continued positively from January while there has been some evidence of slower growth rates in the retail sector.

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