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ASX Announcement

Completion of Hospital supplies distribution transactions

Integrated healthcare services company Australian Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd ('API') advises that further to the announcement on 21 April, 2005, the newly established Joint Venture owned 50% by API and 50% by ABN AMRO Capital, the private equity arm of ABN AMRO Bank has received the regulatory approvals to acquire Clifford Hallam Pharmaceuticals Pty Ltd ('CHP').

The Joint Venture Company had concurrently entered into an agreement to acquire CHP, the hospital supplies distribution business of Spotless Group Limited, and Hospital Supplies of Australia ('HSA') from API which was conditional on the completion of the Joint Venture's acquisition of CHP.

The acquisition of CHP and HSA were completed today.

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