

Akums breaks ground for first overseas manufacturing facility in Zambia

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Akums Drugs & Pharmaceuticals, Delhi-based Contract Development and Manufacturing Organization (CDMO), has announced a landmark milestone in its global journey, the groundbreaking ceremony of its first overseas manufacturing facility in Zambia.

The event marks the beginning of a transformative partnership between Akums and the Government of the Republic of Zambia (GRZ), symbolising a shared vision to make high-quality, affordable medicines accessible to millions across Africa. This initiative represents a major step forward in Akums' global expansion strategy, reinforcing the company's mission to deliver healthcare excellence, strengthen exports, and create sustainable pharmaceutical ecosystems in emerging regions.

The upcoming facility, to be located in the capital city of Lusaka at the Lusaka South Multi-Facility Economic Zone, will be constructed on approximately 40 acres of land.

It will produce a comprehensive range of dosage forms including tablets, hard gelatin capsules, liquids, injectables, topicals, and beta-lactam products, addressing the growing demand for essential and life-saving medicines in Zambia and neighboring countries. The project is also expected to create over 1,000 new employment opportunities, contributing significantly to local economic growth.

The Zambia Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Facility, developed in partnership with Akums, will be the nation's first large-scale pharmaceutical production unit, capable of manufacturing multiple dosage forms across a range of therapeutic areas.