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**OJSC PHARMACY CHAIN 36.6 AND SIA INTERNATIONAL LTD  
REINFORCED THEIR PARTNERSHIP**

**Moscow, January 20, 2010**– SIA International LTD acquired 25% of OJSC Pharmacy Chain 36.6 and became one of its largest shareholders.

The partnership will help to combine efforts of the two largest companies and will create additional opportunities for further development of the pharmaceutical market.

**Artem Bektemirov, CEO at Pharmacy Chain 36.6:** *“We are glad to welcome SIA International LTD as one of our shareholders and we regard the deal as very successful and prospective. I am sure that the synergy stemming from mutual resources of the leading Russian pharmacy chain and the largest Russian drug distributor will take us another step closer to our strategic target – profitable growth of the company ».*

**Igor Rudinsky, General Director at SIA International Ltd:** *“OJSC Pharmacy Chain 36.6 has been one of our key clients for many years. As its shareholder, SIA International LTD can reinforce this cooperation and will develop new mechanisms for further beneficial collaboration between our companies. This partnership will strengthen SIA International LTD position in the market and will boost company`s potential in development of cooperation with manufacturers and other distributors.*

*We will extend our cooperation through streamline of logistics and assortment co-management that will allow us to cut costs, reduce and stabilize prices, in order to make 36.6 more competitive for the consumer who is the end user of our services”.*

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Notes to the editor:

Pharmacy Chain 36.6 is the first public national health and beauty retailer listed on the "B" list on the RTS (ticker: APTK) and off-list on the MICEX. The Company's market capitalization as of January 19, 2010 totaled USD 475.0 million (according to RTS). Pharmacy Chain 36.6 operates more than 1000 stores in 29 regions and 90 cities in Russia.

OAO Veropharm, the company's generics subsidiary, is one of Russia's top five pharmaceutical manufacturers (according to Pharmexpert research). Veropharm's shares are traded in the "B" list on the RTS (ticker: VRPH) and off-list on MICEX (ticker: VRFM). OAO Veropharm's market capitalization as of January 19, 2010 was USD 290,0 million (according to RTS).

ZAO Apteki 36.6 is one of the founding members of the Russian Association of Pharmacy Chains (RAPC).

SIA International LTD is one the largest Russian pharmaceutical distributors. The main activity is distribution of pharmaceutical products, cosmetics and other medical goods to pharmacies and medical sites. The company delivers drugs to more than 28 000 pharmacies and different types of medical sites of Russia. During last years SIA International LTD takes an active part in governmental reimbursement programs, that makes 15% of its total turnover.

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