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### **ACQUISITION OF LEO PHARMACY CHAIN**

*Over the past year, Pharmacy Chain 36.6 has doubled its presence in Western Siberia*

December 27, 2007, MOSCOW – Pharmacy Chain 36.6 [MICEX: RU14APTK1007; RTS: APTK] announces the acquisition of a 100% stake in LeO pharmacy chain operating in the Kemerovo region.

LeO is the second-largest pharmacy chain in the Kemerovo region, holding 60% of the Prokopievsk market. LeO pharmacy chain's turnover totaled \$12.5 million in 2006. The chain has 27 pharmacies, including five optics stores, a veterinary pharmacy and a clinic. The average area of the chain's pharmacies is 118 sq. m., with an average sales space of 59 sq. m.

Breakdown of the chain's geographical distribution:

<b>City</b>	<b>Number of pharmacies</b>
Prokopievsk	15
Kemerovo	5
Kiselyovsk	3
Belovo	2
Novokuznetsk	1
Osinniki	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>

An internal audit and LeO pharmacy chain's integration into the 36.6 chain are currently underway. Following the audit, a decision will be made on the rebranding and reformatting of the purchased pharmacies.

The financial details of the transaction are not being disclosed.

Number of pharmacies of Pharmacy Chain 36.6 by business unit as of December 27, 2007:

Business unit	Number of pharmacies as of 19.12.2007	Acquired pharmacies	Total as of 27.12.2007*
Moscow BU	390	-	390
Ural BU	370	-	373
Volga BU	137	-	137
Southern BU	192	-	192
Western Siberia BU	37	27	64
Northwestern BU	31	-	31
<b>Total*:</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1,187</b>

\* Data includes organic net growth (newly opened pharmacies) of Pharmacy Chain 36.6.

### **Commentary**

#### ***Jere Calmes, President, Pharmacy Chain 36.6:***

"Acquiring top market players with high business profitability enables Pharmacy Chain 36.6 to secure a dominating role in a region, which is a part of our ongoing strategy to expand our presence in a growing market. Over the past year Pharmacy Chain 36.6 has doubled its presence in Western Siberia. Now a wider range of high-quality affordable products, modern technology and professional services will be available to a larger client base."

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#### **About Pharmacy Chain 36.6:**

*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. Market capitalization as of 26.12.2007 was USD 684,9 million based on RTS share prices. Pharmacy Chain 36.6 operates over 1,100 stores in 29 regions and 90 cities in Russia.*

*OAo Veropharm, the company's generics subsidiary, is one of Russia's top five 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). Market capitalisation as of 26.12.2007 was USD 502 million based on RTS share prices.*

*ZAO Apteki 36.6 is one of the founding members of the Russian Association of Pharmacy Chains (RAPC). Pharmacy Chain 36.6 is a participating member of the international retailers' organizations – NRF and NACDS. Pharmacy Chain 36.6 and its subsidiaries employ 12,000 people.*

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