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Companies plead with US FDA boss

Heads of about 15 pharmaceutical companies like Ranbaxy and Wockhardt met US Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Margaret Hamburg in New Delhi on Tuesday. Officials present there said the main demands were that the regulator allow companies to sell drugs through third-party manufacturers and give speedy approvals to these. The regulator will conduct workshops in India over the year to inform companies about changing quality norms in the US, said Wockhardt Chairman Habil Khorakiwala. BS REPORTER/PTI

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