

Ranbaxy sets up factory in Morocco

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Ranbaxy on Monday announced the opening of its new manufacturing facility at Casablanca, Morocco, paving the way for a direct business presence in North Africa.

The factory has been audited by the Moroccan Health Authorities — positioning Ranbaxy to access a \$1 billion pharmaceutical market in Morocco.

Mr Mahendra Bhardwaj, Head, Africa, Ranbaxy, said, "Ranbaxy has a significant presence in Africa with its own ground operations in key markets. Morocco is one of the important markets and this manufacturing facility further reinforces our commitment to the people of Morocco and the African continent."

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from this manufacturing unit to other African countries in the coming years.

With this, the company now has three manufacturing facilities in Africa; the other two located in Nigeria and South Africa. With five subsidiaries, five representative offices and a workforce of nearly a 1,000, Ranbaxy's distribution network caters to 44 of the 54 countries in this continent.

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