

# OJSC "PHARMACY CHAIN 36.6" REPORTS Q12011 UNAUDITED IFRS RESULTS: GROUP NET PROFIT UP TO MORE THAN 200 MLN RUR WITH THE CONSIDERABLE GROWTH OF THE KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

**July 07, 2011, MOSCOW** — OJSC Pharmacy Chain 36.6 [RTS:APTK;MICEX:RU14APTK1007] - the leading Russian pharmaceutical retailer announces unaudited Q1 2011 financial results prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

#### **Q1 2011 GROUP HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Consolidated EBITDA from ongoing operations increased more than twice compared to the relative period of 2010 and reached RUR 443.4 mln.
- Group revenue from ongoing operations increased by 16.6% to RUR 5 291.9 mln as compared with RUR 4 537.1 in Q1 2010;
- Gross profit from ongoing operations increased by 19.5% to RUR 2 210.4 mln to RUR 1 849.4 mln in Q1 2010;
- Gross profit margin from ongoing operations in 3M 2011 increased by 1.0% up to 41.8% as a percentage of consolidated sales compared to 40.8% in 3M 2010;
- Group underlying Net profit from ongoing operations before minority interest reached RUR 205.9 mln compared to the net loss of RUR 122.6 mln in Q1 2010;
- The retail unit organically opened 6 stores and closed 5 stores in Q1 2010, thus operating 990 stores by the end of the reporting period.

# **Group consolidated financial results**

	period ends			
	Q1, mln RUR			
	2011	2010	change, %	
Revenue	5 291.9	4 537.1	16.6%	
Retail <sup>1</sup>	3 713.1	3 416.1	8.7%	
Corporate Center	0.0	0.0		
Veropharm	1 382.9	962.9	43.6%	
other <sup>2</sup>	195.9	158.1	23.9%	
Gross profit	2 210.4	1 849.0	19.5%	
Retail	1 173.2	1 101.6	6.5%	
% of sales	31.6%	32.2%		
Corporate Center	0.0	0.0		
Veropharm	959.4	701.8	<i>36.7%</i>	
% of sales	69.4%	<i>72.9%</i>		
other	77.8	45.6	70.6%	
EBITDA	443.4	213.7	107.5%	
Retail	48.2	44.6	8.0%	
% of sales	1.3%	1.3%		
Corporate Center	-27.5	-21.3		
Veropharm	415.5	198.7	109.1%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Hereinafter in the press- release the retail unit financial results are presented separately from the financial results of the Corporate Center and are compared with the relative results of the previous periods.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> «Other» revenue equals to non- core business revenue eliminated by the transfer sales within the Company units, which are as follows: in Q1 2010 – RUR 12.5 mln; in Q1 2011 – RUR 9.5 mln.

% of sales	30.04%	20.6%	
other	7.2	-8.2	189.0%
Net profit <sup>3</sup>	205.9	-122.6	267.9%
Retail	-256.7	-259.4	1%
Corporate Center	120.2	27.0	345%
Veropharm	338.3	121.2	179.1%
other	4.0	-11.4	135.1%
Profit/loss, attributable to:			
Equity holders of the parent	59.6	-162.0	
Minority interest	146.4	39.5	

#### **RETAIL UNIT:**

#### **REVENUE**

As compared to the relative period the year before, in Q1 2011 net sales of the Retail unit increased by 8.7% in ruble terms from RUR 3 416.1 mln to RUR 3 713.1 mln. Gross sales of the Retail Unit (including VAT) grew by 15.8% in Q1 2011 versus Q1 2010.

Like-for-like gross sales<sup>5</sup> in Q1 2011 increased by 19.3% in ruble terms compared to the relative period of 2010 and an average check (including VAT) in like-for-like stores increased by 22% from 245 RUR in 3M 2010 up to 299 RUR in 3M 2011.

#### **GROSS PROFIT AND GROSS MARGIN**

Gross profit in the Retail unit increased by 6.5% from RUR 1 101.6 mln in Q1 2010 to RUR 1 173.2 mln in Q1 2011. Gross margin reached 31.6% versus 32.2 % in Q1 2010. The gross margin drop was primarily due to the governmental price regulation rules on essential medicine came into effect since  $1^{st}$  of April, 2010, and also to the Company's pricing policy revision in 2010 (reduction of the majority of the medicines prices), directed to the customers' traffic growth. Gross margin decline in 2010 was partially compensated by purchasing terms improvement (additional purchasing tenders) and increase of high-marginal products (parapharmaceutical and private label goods) share in the total turnover.

	Retail Unit Q1, mln RUR		
	2011	2010	change, %
Sales	3 713.1	3 416.1	8.7%
Gross profit	1 173.2	1 101.6	6.5%

% of sales 31.6% 32.2%

#### **SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (SG&A)**

Selling, general and administrative expenses grew by 5.9% in ruble terms from RUR 1 135.1 mln in Q1 2010 to RUR 1 202.5 mln in Q1 2011. SG&A growth in absolute values reflected a considerable tax pressure boost on wage fund in Q1 2011 (an increase of social tax rates since 2011).

SG&A expenses as a percentage to sales decreased by 0.8% from 33.2% in Q1 2010 to 32.4% in Q1 2011 driven by transaction costs and administration expenses reduction within 2010.

The L-F-L stores equaled to 843 units as of the end of Q1 2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Net profit from ongoing operations before minority interest.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Due to the restrictions of special tax regime application for pharmacies since 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2011, the regional retail units of Pharmacy Chain 36.6 Group were all transferred to the basic tax system with VAT exclusion from the revenue.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The L-F-L reporting is executed for a selection of comparable stores, which are:

opened or acquired 24 months prior to the current reporting period, and

not closed in the current reporting period.

	Retail Unit				
	Q1 2011, mln RUR				
	2011 2010 change, %				
Selling, general and administrative costs (including amortization)	1 202.5	1 135.1	5.9%		
% of sales	32.4%	33.2%	-0.8%		
Amortization	77.4	78.1	-0.9%		
Selling, general and administrative costs (excluding amortization)	1125.1	1057.0	6.4%		
% of sales	30,3%	30.9%	-0.6%		

#### Q1 2011 store level performance of like-for-like stores demonstrated the following results:

RUR, mln	Q1 2011			Q1 2010			change, %		
KUK, IIIIII	Moscow	Regions	Total	Moscow	Regions	Total	Moscow	Regions	Total
Net Sales	1 600.4	1 940.7	3 541.1	1 354.4	1 825.7	3 180.1	18.2%	6.3%	11.4%
Gross Profit	589.5	542.9	1 132.4	487.0	528.9	1 015.9	21.1%	2.6%	11.5%
% of net sales	36.8%	28%	32 %	36%	29%	31.9%			
Store level expenses	412.0	420.9	832.9	372.1	336.2	708.3	10.7%	25.2%	17.6%
% of net sales	25.7%	21.7%	23.5%	27.5%	18.4%	22.3%			
Rent	157.2	131.5	288.7	150.8	126.4	277.2	4.2%	4.0%	4.1%
Personnel	212.1	233.1	445.1	176.2	152.4	328.6	20.4%	53.0%	35.5%
Other	42.7	56.3	99.1	45.1	57.4	102.5	-5.3%	-1.9%	-3.3%
Store level Operating profit	177.5	122.1	299.5	114.9	192.7	307.6	54.4%	-36.6%	-2.6%
% of net sales	11.1%	6.3%	8.5%	8.5%	10.6%	9.7%			
Number of comparable stores	213	630	843	213	630	843			

#### TRADE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Trade accounts payable decreased by 7.2% from RUR 3 048.1 mln in Q1 2010 to RUR 2 828.4 mln in Q1 2011. Compared with those as of  $1^{st}$  of January, 2011, trade accounts payable also decreased - by 3.2% from RUR 2 921.5 mln.

#### **INVENTORY**

Inventory average days of turnover increased from 73 days at the end of Q1 2010 to 77 days as of the end of Q1 2011. The inventory upgrowth in day terms is caused primarily by scheduled inventory turnover increase in pharmacies from 60 days in Q1 2010 to 63 days in Q1 2011 aimed at the maximum utilization of pharmacies' shelf space and the range of goods expansion to meet the customers' demand to the best advantage.

In absolute terms, inventory increased by 11.3% to RUR 2 457.0 mln compared with RUR 2 207.3 mln as of the end of Q1 2010. Versus Q4 2010 inventory in absolute terms as of the end of Q1 2011 decreased by 6.7% from RUR 2 634.2 mln.

#### **OTHER BUSINESSES**

#### **Veropharm**

For the latest update on Q1 2011 performance please refer to the official press-release of the company as of June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at www.pahrmacychain366.ru.

#### **ELC**

Early Learning Center revenue consolidated by the Group (which is 50% of the total revenue) reached RUR 52.9 mln, a 55.8% growth in Q1 2011 versus Q1 2010 (RUR 33.9 mln) driven primarily by an increase in L-f-L sales and opening of 7 new stores within 2010.

ELC Net loss decreased by 4.2% and equaled to RUR 4.4 mln in 3M 2011, compared to RUR 4.6 mln in 3M 2010.

As of the end of Q1 2011, the unit operated 19 stores.

#### **GROUP FINANCIAL DEBT**

Group Financial Debt at the end of Q1 2011 increased by 2.7% to RUR 9 587.3 mln from RUR 9 334.9 mln as of the end of Q4 2010. Group Financial Net Debt (after deduction of monetary funds remains in the accounts) stood at RUR 8 681.0 mln at the end of Q1 2011.

As of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 the Retail and Corporate units debt equaled to RUR 9 196.0 mln, including 39% of the debt denominated in US dollars; Veropharm debt stood at RUR 391.1 mln with no debt denominated in US dollars.

# **GROUP FINANCIAL COSTS**

In Q1 2011 versus Q1 2010 consolidated financial costs grew by 13.7% to RUR 317.6 mln from RUR 279.4 mln due to the Group's financial debt increase within the year of 2010.

#### **INVESTMENTS**

In 3M 2011 the Group invested RUR 77.0 mln in fixed and intangible assets, out of which retail investments equaled to RUR 27.6 mln compared to RUR 13.8 mln in 3M 2010.

Veropharm investments reached RUR 48.8 mln.

#### **GROUP NET PROFIT**

Group underlying Net profit from ongoing operations before minority interest reached RUR 205.9 mln in Q1 2011 compared to the net loss of RUR 122.6 mln in Q1 2010.

Group underlying Net profit from ongoing operations attributable to equity holders of the parent equaled to RUR 59.6 mln in Q1 2011 compared to the net loss of RUR 162.0 mln in Q1 2010.

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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 06<sup>th</sup> July 2011 totaled USD 351.750.000 (according to RTS). Pharmacy Chain 36.6 operates 990 stores in 29 regions and 90 cities in Russia as of 1<sup>tst</sup> of April, 2011.

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 06<sup>th</sup> July 2011 totaled 449.054.900 USD (according to RTS).

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# **OAO PHARMACY CHAIN 36.6 AND SUBSIDIARIES**

# CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT Q1 2011 ENDING 31 MARCH 2011 (mln. rubles)

	Q1 2011	Q1 2010
Revenue	5 291.9	4 537.1
Cost of sales	(3 081.5)	(2 688.1)
Gross profit	2 210.4	1 849.0
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(1 886.4)	(1 743.9)
Impairment of goodwill	-	-
Operating income/loss	324.0	105.1
Finance costs	(317.6)	(279.4)
Other income (loss)	0.8	(3.7)
Foreign currency exchange gain (loss)	239.5	105.6
Income/(loss) before tax and investment activity	246.6	(72.4)
Disposal of discounted operations	_	
Income tax expense	(40.7)	(50.2)
Loss for the period	205.9	(122.6)
Attributable to:	59.6	(162.0)
Equity holders of the parent		
Minority interest	146.4	39.5

# OAO PHARMACY CHAIN 36.6 AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2011 (mln. rubles)

•	Q1 2011	Q1 2010
ASSETS		
NON-CURRENT ASSETS:		
Property, plant & equipment	2 809.9	2 925.9
Goodwill	4 875.5	4 875.5
Other intangible assets	327.3	283.7
Other assets	242.1	203.6
Total non-current assets	8 254.7	8 289
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Inventories	3 924.8	3 472.4
Accounts receivable	4 200.6	3 475.2
Other receivables and prepaid expenses	2 077.3	1 627.6
Cash and bank balances	906.3	612.8
Total current assets	11 109.0	9 188.1
TOTAL ASSETS	19 363.8	17 476.8
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
Share capital	67.1	60.7
Additional paid-in capital	6 260.0	5 339.6
Translation reserve	-	-
Retained earnings	(4 108.5)	(3 331.3)
Equity of the parent	2 218.6	2 069.0
Minority interest in equity of subsidiaries	2 803.9	2 347.5
Total shareholders' equity	5 022.5	4 416.5
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:		
Borrowings	3079.4	4470.0
Deferred tax liabilities	92.2	132.2
Long-term lease payable	7.3	14.5
Total long-term liabilities	3 178.9	4 616.7
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	3 288.9	3 620.9
Borrowings	6 507.9	3 677.4
Other payables and accrued expenses	760.0	752.7
Taxes payable	593.6	379.3
Current portion of lease payable	12.0	13.4
2 2 po. 2 12022 payable	12.0	20.1
Total current liabilities	11 162.3	8 443.7
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	19 363.8	17 476.8

# OAO PHARMACY CHAIN 36.6 AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR Q1 ENDING 31 MARCH 2011 (mln. rubles)

OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	Q1 2011	Q1 2010
Income/(loss) before taxation and minority interest	246.6	(72.4)
Gain sale of investment Depreciation and amortization Loss on sale of securities Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment and unrealized investments	- 119.4 - -	108.6
Gain on restructuring of arrangement with consortium of investors Impairment recognized (reversed) on accounts receivables Inventory provision and write-off Other non-cash operations Impairment of goodwill Share-based payments expenses	5.3 21.7 3.5 -	(13.0) (10.3) 13.8
Foreign exchange loss/(gain) on financing and investing activities Finance costs	(239.5) 317.6	(105.6) 279.4
Operating cash flow before working capital changes	474.6	200.4
Increase in inventories Increase in accounts receivable Increase in other receivables and prepaids Increase in accounts payable	62.4 (342.1) (277.8) (24.3)	(7.2) (286.2) (155.9) (217.6)
Increase in other payables and accruals Cash flows from operations Income taxes paid Interest paid	164.8 57.6 (97.8) (308.4)	(140.8) (607.4) (26.4) (257.4)
Net cash outflow operating activities	(348.6)	(891.0)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:  Net cash outflow on acquisition of subsidiaries Purchase of property, plant, equipment Purchase of intangible assets Purchase of shares in subsidiaries Purchase of short-term investments Proceed on disposal of property, plant, equipment Net cash inflow on sale of investment Loans to related parties	(55.9) (21.1) 820	(21.5) (8.4)
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(76.2)	(29.9)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Proceeds from new borrowings, net Repayments of borrowings Distributions paid to minority shareholders Proceeds from SPO, net Acquisition of non- controlling intersts	494.8 -	796.1 -
Net cash inflow from financing activities	494.8	796.1
Effect of translation to presentation currency NET INCREASE (DEACREASE) IN CASH CASH, beginning of year	70.1 836.2	(124.8) 737.7
CASH, end of year	906.3	612.8

