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## **Sun Pharma launches generic Protonix® Tablets**

Mumbai, January 30, 2008: Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. announced today that it has commercially launched generic Pantoprazole Sodium Delayed Release (DR) Tablets, 40 mg, which is AB-rated to Wyeth's Protonix® DR Tablets. Sun's product is being sold in the United States by its marketing partner Caraco Pharmaceutical Laboratories. Sun Pharma had received a USFDA approval for these tablets in Sep 2007. This strength of Pantoprazole Sodium has annual sales of approximately USD 2.3 billion in the US.

Sun's launch was initiated after the December 22, 2007 commercial launch by Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. of generic Pantoprazole Sodium tablet products, and after the January 29, 2008 commercial launch by Wyeth of generic Pantoprazole Sodium tablets product through its designated distributor.

Sun shares a 180-day period of marketing exclusivity with Teva for this product. Sun is currently involved in patent litigation with Wyeth and Altana (now Nycomed) concerning this product in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey. Although no trial date has yet been set, in September 2007, the District Court denied a motion filed by Wyeth and Altana for a preliminary injunction related to Sun's Pantoprazole Tablets. Wyeth and Altana have appealed the District Court's decision.

*PROTONIX® is a registered trademark of Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Inc*

### **About Sun Pharma**

Established in 1983, listed since 1994 and headquartered in India, Sun Pharma (Reuters: SUN.BO, Bloomberg: SUNP IN, NSE: SUNPHARMA, BSE: 524715) is an international, integrated, speciality pharmaceutical company. It manufactures and markets a large basket of pharmaceutical formulations as branded generics as well as generics in India, US and several other markets across the world. In India, the company is a leader in niche therapy areas of psychiatry, neurology, cardiology, diabetology, gastroenterology, and orthopedics. The company has strong skills in product development, process chemistry, and manufacturing of complex API, as well as dosage forms. More information about the company can be found at [www.sunpharma.com](http://www.sunpharma.com).

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