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Astral Pharma to soon export injectables to US

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The Vadodara-based Astral Pharmaceutical Industry, having received the nod from the US Food and Drug Administration recently, will start exporting sterile antibiotic powder injectables to America in October this year to tap into the \$4.8-billion market in this segment.

Currently, the company manufactures sterile antibiotic powder injectables in the Penicillin and Cephalosporin Groups which have a huge demand in the American market, Dr Dushyant Patel, President and CEO, Astral Pharma, told Business Line today.

Astral Pharma's hi-tech manufacturing facility at Vadodara had been inspected by the USFDA in January 2010 and has been classified as acceptable for manufacturing and marketing products for the US, he said. Astral also has regulatory accreditations from Canada, Australia, South Africa and Brazil

Tie-ups

Astral Pharma has also tied up with the Chicago-based Sagent Pharmaceutical Inc with whom it has filed for more than 15 ANDAs (Abbreviated New Drug Applications) for the US market and more ANDA projects are in the pipeline.