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VITAMIN

01

On November 12, Anhui Xinhong Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. announced the suspension of quotations and new orders for feed-grade and food-grade folic acid effective immediately. Industry sources suggest this may be related to raw material supply and inventory adjustments, with market prices likely to remain in a wait-and-see phase in the short term.

AMINO ACID

02

China's Eppen Investments Group, in partnership with Tatneft and Russian distributor Agritek Bio, will jointly invest in a major grain deep-processing plant with a total investment of RUB 29 billion (approximately USD 290 million). Located in the Maslovsky Industrial Park in Voronezh Oblast, the facility will process 250,000 tons of grain annually to produce feed-grade amino acids, including around 200,000 tons of threonine and 200,000 tons of lysine. The project marks another step toward localizing amino acid production in Russia.

API

03

- Qilu Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. has entered into an exclusive licensing agreement worth approximately RMB 2.045 billion with Laekna, Inc. for the AKT inhibitor LAE002 (afuresertib). The license grants Qilu exclusive rights to research, develop, and commercialize the drug in Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan, while Laekna will continue leading the Phase III AFFIRM-205 trial for HR+/HER2- breast cancer. LAE002 is one of only two AKT inhibitors currently in late-stage clinical development worldwide for breast and prostate cancer, with AstraZeneca's Capivasertib being the only approved product in this class.
- In addition, the florfenicol market remains steady, with demand mainly driven by rigid needs. Some manufacturers report tight deliveries and firm cost support, with domestic prices around USD 20.57/kg, expected to stay stable in the near term.

FOOD ADDITIVE

04

At the 7th China International Import Expo (CIIE), Health and Happiness (H&H) International Holdings Limited showcased its Swisse brand, highlighting its comprehensive product portfolio for family nutrition and health. A live-streaming booth was set up to offer real-time interactive shopping experiences. During the event, Swisse's sales on Douyin (TikTok China) increased by 96% year-on-year, with live-streaming sales in the beauty-from-within category surging over 133%.

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