

## Tata Chemicals launches a pharma grade sodium bicarbonate

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Tata Chemicals Ltd., the country's leading producer of Soda Ash and Sodium Bicarbonate, announced the launch of Medikarb™ – India's first branded pharmaceutical grade sodium bicarbonate for pharma API and formulation manufacturing.

Medikarb™ will be manufactured in state of the art FDA certified facilities that are compliant with GMP standards to ensure the highest quality product conforming to Indian Pharmacopoeia specifications.

Sanjiv Lal, COO, India Chemicals Operations, Tata Chemicals Ltd. said, "Medikarb™ is India's first branded premium grade of sodium bicarbonate suitable for use as an Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API) and as an excipient in pharma formulations".

This will give Indian pharma manufacturers a high-quality product manufactured in a state of the art FDA certified facility from a trusted brand.

Medikarb™ will be produced through a highly mechanized automated manufacturing process designed as per GMP principles.

Quality of the end product is assured through an end-to-end Tata Quality Management System (QMS), with the product manufactured, processed, packed and distributed under the applicable licensing and operational guidelines.

Customers will also have the backing of technical sales support through an in-house R&D and Technical Services team.

Tata Chemicals' with its sodium bicarbonate business has a presence in both domestic and global market.

With an annual capacity of 100,000 MT in India, the company also has two other brands Sodakarb™, customized for use as a food additive and Alkakarb™, for use in animal feed. This introduction of Medikarb™ as a customized product will cater specifically to the pharmaceutical industry.