

# BTS INVESTMENT ADVISORS

## Press Release

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### **SwissTec investee company Arch Pharmalabs Limited gets an award for best SME of the year**

Arch Pharmalabs Ltd., a company in the pharmaceutical sector, has won the prestigious ICICI – CNBC “Emerging Company of the Year Award (2006)” in the Pharma and Chemicals category. Arch is a portfolio company of the Swiss Technology Venture Capital Fund, one of the private equity funds initiated by the Swiss Federal Government for investments in India. The fund is managed by BTS Investment Advisors.

CNBC-TV18, ICICI Bank and CRISIL the main sponsors of the award, every year announce the winners of the CNBC-TV18 'Emerging India Awards'. This is an initiative to recognise the contribution of small & medium enterprises (SMEs) towards the growth of the Indian economy. For the 2006 awards, the award organizers have received over 35,000 entries from SMEs in different categories.

Arch Pharmalabs Limited is engaged in the business of manufacturing and exporting intermediates for active pharmaceutical ingredients. It is one of the largest producers of Isoxazole Pencillin side chains in the world and supplies critical APIs and their intermediates to some of the Multinational Pharma Companies across the world. The company has rapidly grown in size by a combination of organic as well as inorganic growth during the last three years and became one of the leading suppliers of APIs and their Intermediates from India..

Swiss Tec has been active in India since 1997 mainly focused on investments into the small and medium enterprises in India and BTS Investment Advisors is responsible for selecting the investments and nurturing them into world class companies. Swiss Tec and BTS commitment to the development of SME sector in India is reflected by the fact that in the last two years three of their portfolio companies received this prestigious award. While Arch won it this year in Pharma and Chemical category, last year Ocean Sparkle Limited and Indo Schottle Auto Components Pvt. Ltd. won the best company awards in the Infrastructure and Engineering and Auto-ancillary sectors respectively.

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