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Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a copy of the press release issued by the Company with regard to the redemption of FCCBs (Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds).

Thanking you,

Yours truly,


Bhoomijha Murali
Company Secretary

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Media release

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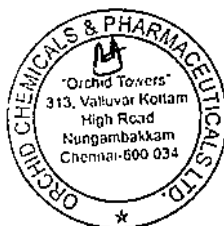
Orchid Pharma ties up funds for FCCB redemption

Chennai-based Global Pharma major, Orchid Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals (Orchid) today announced that it has received sanction for **US\$ 100 million** by way of **ECBs (External Commercial Borrowings)** from the banking system to redeem the outstanding **FCCBs (Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds)** of **US\$ 117 million**, along with the yield-to-maturity when they fall due in **February 2012**.

“We are fully geared to redeem the maturing **FCCBs**. The **ECB** sanction that we have received, coupled with our internal accruals will enable us to comfortably redeem the outstanding **FCCBs** on the due date. With over 85% of Orchid’s sales being exports billed in **US\$**, the company has a natural hedge against currency fluctuations”, said Mr K Raghavendra Rao, Chairman & Managing Director, Orchid Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

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