BioSpectrum
the business of Bio & Health Sciences
ASIA EDITION

UAEâ??s LIFEPharma signs MoU with AD Ports for $190 M pharma manufacturing platform

May 6, 2026 | News

The project will be located within KEZAD in Abu Dhabi

LIFEPharma, a part of VPS Healthcare and the UAE's only USFDA-approved manufacturer, has signed a memorandum of understanding with AD Ports Group to develop an advanced pharmaceutical manufacturing platform at Khalifa Economic Zones Abu Dhabi (KEZAD).

The agreement was signed during 'Make it in the Emirates (MITIE) 2026' forum and sets the framework for a proposed 700 million UAE dirhams ($190 million) investment.

The KEZAD platform will expand UAE-based pharmaceutical manufacturing across three segments:

- Vaccines (AED300 million): Fill-and-finish facility for paediatric and adult vaccines in partnership with global pharma companies
- Oncology (AED200 million): Dedicated production for cancer treatments
- Advanced injectables (AED200 million): Manufacturing of peptides, biologics and critical injectables

Under the agreement LIFEPharma will lead technical, regulatory and commercial development while AD Ports will act as the industrial platform partner, providing land, infrastructure and utilities

LIFEPharma said it has also secured a strategic financing agreement with Ajman Bank to support project development.

The platform is expected to contribute around AED 2 billion to GDP over its lifecycle, create more than 1,000 skilled jobs, including Emirati roles and reduce reliance on imported medicines.

LIFEPharma currently supplies regulated markets including the United States, Canada and Australia.