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When the economy stumbled in the mid-1970s , Akzo NV fell out of bed x:e-h-h q:i-h-h n:x v:e-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h year_range:x-c _ named:x-c n:x v:e-i p:e-u-i p:e-u-i n:x
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         (ARG3)
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                                                                                                   in the synthetic fiber business , which accounted for half of the Dutch chemical company 's sales , led to huge losses and left Akzo 's survival in doubt p:e-u-i q:i-h-h a:e-p n:x n.x _ v_for:e-i-i _ part_of:i-i _ q:i-h-h a:e-p n:x n_of:x-i _ v_to:e-i-p-i _ a:e-p n_of:x-i _ v:e-i-i-h named:x-c _ n:x p:e-u-i n:x
       It was n't until the early 1980s that Akzo nursed itself back to health .

v_itcleft:e-i-h v_itcleft:e-i-h p:e-u-i q:i-h-h a:e-p year_range:x-c _ named:x-c v:e-i-p pron:x place_n:x p:e-u-i n:x _
  ARGI
  Aside from slashing costs and investing heavily in its plants , Akzo has spent 3.9 billion guilders ($ 1.88 billion ) on acquisitions since 1983 to give it better balance pre-u-i p:e-u-i v_at:e-i-p n:x _ v_in:e-i-i a:e-e _ q:i-h-h n:x _ named:x-c _ v:e-i-p-h card:i-i-c card:i-i-c card:i-i-c card:i-i-c card:i-i-c card:i-i-c p:e-u-i n_of:x-i
  During the same period , the company has sold about 1.6 billion guilders of assets p:e-u-i q:i-h-h a_as:e-i n_of:x-i _ q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ v:e-i-p _ card:i-i-c card:i-i-c n:x p:e-x-i n:x
                                                                                                                    whose products go into textiles , carpeting and myriad industrial uses , now accounts for only 20 % of Akzo 's sales n:x v:e-i p:e-u-i n:x v:e-i-p = a:e-p a
"We have definitely become less cyclical, "Syb Bergsma, executive vice president-finance, said in an interview.

pron:x a:e-h v_id:e-i-h comp:e-u-u a:e-u __named:x-c named:x-c 
  Still , Akzo has n't yet found a way to achieve another goal : a large presence in the U.S. market for prescription drugs . a_disc:e-h _ named:x-c _ neg:e-h a:e-e v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n_of:x-h _ v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n:x _ q:i-h-h a:e-p n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h named_n:x-c n:x p:e-u-i n:x n:x _ n:
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    Mr. Bergsma said prices for U.S. pharmaceutical companies remain too high , making it unlikely that Akzo will pursue any major acquisitions in that area .

n:x named:x-c v_to:e-i-h-i n_of:x p:e-u-i named_n:x-c a:e-p n_of:x-i v:e-i-h comp:e-u-u a:e-p v_cause:e-i-h a_for:e-h _ named:x-c _ v:e-i-p q:i-h-h a:e-p n_of:x-i p:e-u-i q_dem:i-h-h n_of:x-i _
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        (ARGI)
                                                                                                                       Akzo is considering "alliances" with American drug companies , although he would n't elaborate named:x-c v:e-i-p n:x p:e-u-i a:e-p n:x n_of:x-i x:e-h-h pron:x neg:e-h neg:e-h v:e-i-p
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