Hatch Medical to Broker High-flow Valve Technology

Duluth, Georgia - Medical device incubator and technology brokerage firm, Hatch Medical, L.L.C. (<u>www.hatchmedical.com</u>) announced today that it has recently entered into an agreement with Nordgren Corporation to broker its patent-pending high-flow valve platform, FloTec™.

Conceived by Greg Nordgren, a biomedical engineering expert with 23 issued and six pending patents to his credit, the FloTec[™] valve utilizes proprietary design elements which allow for high pressure injections and over-the-wire placement without compromising valve integrity. Ideal applications for the FloTec[™] include PICC lines, hemodialysis catheters and other central venous catheters. It has been estimated that the FloTec[™] valve could enhance the performance of an estimated five million vascular access catheters used globally on an annual basis.

Paul Gianneschi, Managing Principal and Founder of Hatch Medical stated, "We are excited to be working with Greg on this project. He is known throughout the medical device industry as an innovator in valve technologies and has been involved with the design and development of virtually every commercially available valved vascular access product, including the industry standard Groshong® valved catheters."

According to Mr. Nordgren, President, Nordgren Corporation, "FloTec™'s molded components allow for simplified manufacturing and testing while producing higher yields in production than comparable products. In addition, our vastly improved flow rates allow for high-pressure injections and secure over-the-wire placement without compromising valve integrity. These are significant advantages over existing products."

Mr. Gianneschi continued, "We believe this technology addresses numerous unmet needs in the market and we look forward to assisting in the rapid commercialization and adoption of the FloTec™ valve across all aspects of the vascular access market."

The FloTec™ valve is now immediately available and may be licensed or acquired by interested third parties through an exclusive agreement with Hatch Medical.

For additional information on this, or other Hatch Medical, L.L.C. products and services, e-mail the company at info@hatchmedical.com or call 770-476-9940. This release and additional news about Hatch Medical can be obtained by visiting the company's web site at: http://www.hatchmedical.com

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