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STARION INSTRUMENTS RECEIVES CHINESE REGULATORY APPROVAL

*Company continues worldwide expansion by opening door
to serve the world's largest patient population*

Sunnyvale, Calif. – April 23, 2008 – Starion Instruments, a leading surgical device company, today announced that the State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA) of the People's Republic of China has granted regulatory approval for the sale of Starion's patented Tissue Welding technology in China. This approval marks a significant milestone in Starion's continued worldwide expansion.

Surgeons in China will now have access to Starion's full line of advanced surgical devices for sealing and dividing tissue during a broad range of surgical procedures. Unlike conventional products employing monopolar, bipolar or ultrasonic energy, Starion's instruments feature the company's patented Tissue Welding technology, which uses direct heat and pressure to simultaneously seal and divide soft tissue reducing the risk of inadvertent collateral damage.

"Starion's Tissue Welding technology is unique to the Chinese market and it is changing the way that physicians perform a broad range of minimally invasive and open surgeries," said Wenjing Ding, MD, Sc.D, president and CEO, Asia Business Service. "Sealing and dividing tissue and blood vessels is a very critical point in any surgery and Starion's technology is giving surgeons greater confidence to perform this task. Opinion leaders from hospitals across various regions of China enjoyed the convenience and effectiveness of Starion's instruments in their clinical trials. Based on initial feedback from the clinical community, we are confident that Starion will garner significant market share in the months to come."

About Starion Instruments

Starion develops advanced surgical devices that enhance performance, minimize risk and improve patient outcomes. Starion's instruments employ a patented Tissue Welding technology that seals and divides soft tissue with only focused heat and pressure. Known for their effectiveness, reliability and versatility, Starion's products are used worldwide for open and endoscopic cardiac, gynecology, general surgery, otolaryngology and urology procedures. For more information, visit www.starioninstruments.com.

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