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**STARION ACHIEVES WORLDWIDE DISTRIBUTION OF PROPRIETARY
TISSUE WELDING TECHNOLOGY**

Researchers in South Africa latest to report patient benefits

Sunnyvale, Calif. – January 31, 2008 – Starion Instruments, a leading surgical device company, today announced that it has extended worldwide distribution of its proprietary tissue welding technology. Physicians in North America, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia now have access to safe, effective and precise instruments for a wide variety of surgical procedures.

Sealing and dividing soft tissue is an essential part of surgery. Unlike conventional products which use indirect forms of energy: ultrasonic or bipolar radio frequency, Starion instruments perform sealing and dividing with direct heat and pressure. Studies have shown that this method minimizes thermal spread, reduces the risk of collateral damage and decreases patient recovery times.

“Surgeons worldwide are demanding technologies that enhance performance, minimize risk and improve patient outcomes,” said Kirt Kirtland, president and chief executive officer of Starion Instruments. “We are excited that our products and value proposition have expanded our reach across the globe.”

In South Africa, for example, surgeons are using the company’s products in a wide variety of cardiology, general surgery, gynecology, and otolaryngology procedures. Two of the anticipated areas of expansion are China and Japan, where regulatory approvals are pending.

As Starion’s influence grows beyond the U.S., leading researchers from Greece to Taiwan are reporting the benefits of tissue welding technology versus other modalities. Most recently, Lance Maron, MBBCh, FCS (SA), from Netcare Parklane Hospital in Johannesburg, South Africa, presented his findings at the 43rd South African National ENT & SAHNOS Congress.

During the Congress, Maron reported that Starion’s forceps are easy to use, cause minimal intra-operative blood loss, facilitate complete removal of tonsils resulting in rapid healing and recovery with less post-operative pain and a fast return to normal diet and school/work.



About Starion Instruments

Starion Instruments is dedicated to developing advanced surgical devices that enhance performance, minimize risk and improve patient outcomes. Starion's instruments employ a proprietary Tissue Welding technology that seals and divides soft tissue while minimizing the risk of collateral damage. Known for their effectiveness, reliability and versatility, Starion's products are used by surgeons worldwide for open and endoscopic cardiac, gynecology, general surgery, otolaryngology and urology procedures. For more information, please visit the company's website at www.starioninstruments.com.

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