



## NEWS RELEASE

### BIOSENSORS ANNOUNCES DISTRIBUTION DEALS WITH ASAHI INTECC AND SIS MEDICAL IN FRANCE

**Morges, Switzerland, 1 July 2011** – Biosensors International is now the exclusive distributor in France for both Asahi Intecc's interventional cardiology catheters and SIS Medical's PTCA balloons.

The **Asahi catheter and micro-catheter interventional cardiology range** consists of: the ***Sheathless Eaucath***, a PTCA guiding catheter specifically designed for minimally invasive trans-radial procedures; the ***Corsair Microcatheter***, a unique hybrid design with a very high crossability into tortuous vessels, which is especially useful for complex cases; the ***Stride Microcatheter***, a support catheter; and the ***Tornus Microcatheter***, a full-metal support catheter for crossing calcified lesions. The range is completed by the ***PTCA Guide Wires***, all of which have superior controllability and tactile feedback due to their unique one-piece core and jointless coil structure. The comprehensive guide wire line-up includes workhorse wires such as the newly-launched **SION** and the **Prowater**, plus the **Fielder**, **Miraclebros** and **Confianza** Series for complex and total occlusion cases.

The **SIS Medical PTCA balloon range** consists of: the ***NIC Nano<sup>®</sup> 0.85 CTO Balloon***, with the smallest diameter and lowest crossing profile of any CTO balloon (0.019"), available in either OTW or RX versions; the ***NIC 1.1<sup>®</sup> ULP CTO Balloon***, with an ultra low profile to access even more challenging CTOs, also available in either OTW or RX versions; the ***BEO NC<sup>®</sup> Low Profile High Pressure PTCA Balloon***, which combines an excellent lesion crossing profile with safety; and the ***OPN NC<sup>®</sup> High Pressure Balloon***, a twin-layered high-pressure non-compliant balloon designed to dilate stents or lesions where pressures up to 35 atm may be required.

The SIS Medical PTCA balloon range also includes a ***standard inflation device*** for the inflation of PTCA Balloons up to a maximum pressure of 25 atm and a ***high pressure inflation device*** for the inflation of High Pressure PTCA Balloons up to a maximum pressure of 40 atm.

"We are proud to be partnering with both Asahi Intecc and SIS Medical, two innovative organizations which share our data-driven, patient-first culture", commented Biosensors CEO Jeffrey B. Jump. "Their respective product ranges involved in the distribution deals complement our existing DES portfolio, and enhance our presence in the interventional cardiology market."

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**About Biosensors International**

Biosensors International develops, manufactures and markets innovative medical devices for interventional cardiology and critical care procedures. We aim to improve patients' lives through pioneering medical technology that pushes forward the boundaries of innovation.

With the increasing use of the BioMatrix™ family of drug-eluting stents, we are rapidly emerging as a leader in the global coronary stent market. The forthcoming launch of the Axxess™ self-expanding bifurcation drug-eluting stent and the development of the BioFreedom™ drug-coated stent will further reinforce our market position.

All three stents incorporate Biolimus A9™ (BA9™), an anti-restenotic drug developed and patented by Biosensors specifically for use with drug-eluting stents. Both the BioMatrix stent family and the Axxess stent feature a unique abluminal biodegradable polymer coating, which fully degrades into carbon dioxide and water over a six-to-nine-month period as it releases BA9. The BioMatrix stent family features workhorse stent platforms for a broad range of lesions, and the Axxess stent employs a self-expanding stent platform specifically designed for treating bifurcation lesions. BioFreedom, a completely polymer-free stent abluminally coated with BA9, is currently undergoing clinical evaluation.

For more information, please visit [www.biosensors.com](http://www.biosensors.com).

**About Asahi Intecc**

Asahi Intecc develops and supplies medical products using an integrated in-house production system that covers everything from selection and treatment of raw materials to manufacture of final products. The company develops and manufactures original brand products such as guidewires, guiding catheters and microcatheters as well as OEM products. Its mission is to create devices that perfectly match the vision of customers. Asahi Intecc is headquartered in Japan with overseas sales offices in China, Hong Kong, Singapore, the Netherlands and the United States to fulfill customers' needs in more than 85 countries of the world.

**About SIS Medical**

SIS Medical AG, a privately owned company located in Winterthur Switzerland, is dedicated to the development, production and sales of innovative high-quality products for minimally invasive interventions. The company supplies a full range of PTCA balloons including unique speciality balloons for CTOs and super high pressure balloons (OPN NC with 35 bar RBP) for 'undilatable coronary lesions'.

SIS Medical AG is successfully represented by distribution partners in more than 30 countries around the world and continuously expanding its distribution network.