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**ASCENT TO PROVIDE MEDASSETS' CUSTOMERS WITH REPROCESSED AND  
REMANUFACTURED SINGLE-USE MEDICAL DEVICES**

*Cost savings and environmental sustainability wins coveted Next Generation  
SELECT® agreement for Ascent*

**Phoenix, Ariz. – February 19, 2009** – Ascent Healthcare Solutions, a leader in delivering healthcare resource sustainability, announced today that MedAssets Supply Chain Systems, one of the nation's largest supply chain management firms, has chosen Ascent to provide reprocessing and remanufacturing services of single-use medical devices (SUDs) to their customers. Ascent will participate in MedAssets' Next Generation SELECT® program, designed to lower supply cost savings up to 18% on average for MedAssets' customers through a multi-year program covering the key supply categories used in patient care. Ascent's environmentally responsible products will also be promoted through MedAssets' Environmentally Preferable Purchasing program.

MedAssets embarked on a thorough selection process to award Ascent the agreement, evaluating different suppliers of reprocessed and remanufactured medical devices. MedAssets' evaluation included measuring savings and environmental impact, and Ascent was able to deliver great results on those key measures. "Ascent's outstanding performance and proven track record has earned MedAssets Supply Chain Systems' Gold Vendor status at the 2008 MedAssets Healthcare Business Summit, which recognizes outstanding vendors based on their ability to improve customer savings and satisfaction," stated John Julian, Executive Director, Materials Management, MedAssets Supply Chain Systems. "It makes

good financial and environmental sense for our customers to use Ascent's reprocessed and remanufactured devices."

According to Ascent's Vice President of Corporate Accounts, Kevin Liszewski, "Because Ascent's remanufactured products cost about half of an original device, MedAssets' customers will realize vital savings that can be directed to patient care initiatives such as hiring or retaining nursing staff, acquiring state-of-the-art technology or covering the soaring cost of uncompensated care."

Through MedAssets' Next Generation SELECT program, MedAssets' customers will be able to reprocess about 90 medical device types for which Ascent has FDA-cleared 510(k)s. These include cardiovascular, endoscopic/laparoscopic, general surgery/OR, orthopedic/arthroscopic, gastroenterology, respiratory, and ophthalmology devices.

### **About MedAssets**

MedAssets (NASDAQ: MDAS) partners with healthcare providers to improve their financial strength by implementing integrated spend management and revenue cycle solutions that help control cost, improve margins and cash flow, increase regulatory compliance, and optimize operational efficiency. MedAssets serves more than 125 health systems, 3,300 hospitals and 30,000 non-acute care healthcare providers. For more information, go to [www.medassets.com](http://www.medassets.com).

### **ABOUT ASCENT HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS**

By continuously pioneering sustainability initiatives in healthcare, Ascent Healthcare Solutions has become a leader in the medical device industry. Ascent's programs target inefficient practices to reclaim and redirect consumable and financial resources to promote healthy and responsible hospitals. Today, Ascent's medical device sustainability programs deliver remanufactured and/or reprocessed medical devices as well as comprehensive recycling and redistribution initiatives. Ascent has been recognized as a "Champion for Change" by Hospitals for a Healthy Environment (now Practice Greenhealth) in recognition of the dramatic environmental benefits its remanufacturing and reprocessing programs provide to U.S. hospitals and surgery centers. Ascent's more than 1,800 hospital partners include most of the U.S. News & World Report "Honor Roll" hospitals. The company has agreements with all leading national group purchasing organizations as well as numerous nationally recognized hospital integrated delivery networks. For more information about Ascent Healthcare Solutions, visit [www.ascenths.com](http://www.ascenths.com).

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