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ASCENT HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS RECEIVES 510(K) CLEARANCE TO REPROCESS BIOSENSE WEBSTER SOUNDSTAR™ 3D DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND CATHETER

PHOENIX, Ariz. – October 28, 2009 – Ascent Healthcare Solutions, a leader in delivering healthcare resource sustainability, today announced that it has received the industry’s first and only 510(k) clearance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to reprocess the Biosense Webster SoundStar™ 3D Diagnostic Ultrasound Catheter. With this new clearance, Ascent continues to lead the charge in bringing sustainability to healthcare. Ascent’s clearance represents an immediate savings opportunity of up to 51% of the cost of the original device, providing hospitals with a solution for more effectively managing device costs associated with their technology investment. In reprocessing the SoundStar catheter, Ascent also brings its signature, value-add environmental benefit by recycling those devices that cannot be reprocessed.

The SoundStar 3D Ultrasound Catheter is a 90 cm 10F Intra Cardiac Echo (ICE) Catheter with an acoustic array. The catheter has a location sensor (providing location information to the CARTO® EP XP Navigation System) and an ultrasound transducer (acquiring real time ultrasound images) embedded in the tip.

Rick Ferreira, Chief Operating Officer of Ascent Healthcare Solutions stated, “The engineers and medical professionals in our research and development teams work diligently to identify those devices that can be safely reprocessed - and that can bring substantial savings to the

hospital's bottom line using environmentally sound practices.

Despite the recession, we found hospitals that prioritized investment in this new technology among their shrinking capital purchases. We knew that the ability to reprocess the device would be a valuable source of savings to help offset the cost of the investment and allow hospitals to continue to leverage these cutting edge technologies to improve the healthcare experience.”

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 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

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