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**ASCENT HEALTHCARE APPOINTS ERIC VARTY AS VICE PRESIDENT OF R&D AND
KEVIN LISZEWSKI AS VICE PRESIDENT OF CORPORATE ACCOUNTS**

Phoenix, Ariz. – July 17, 2007 – Ascent Healthcare Solutions today announced the return and promotion of key personnel whose expertise will enhance the continuing rapid growth of the company.

Eric Varty returns to Ascent as vice president of research and development (R&D) and will oversee company-wide activities in R&D and engineering. He will also work with other key departments to ensure ongoing introductions of new products and savings opportunities for Ascent partners.

Kevin Liszewski has also rejoined Ascent as the company's vice president of corporate accounts. In this role, he will assume overall responsibility for ensuring complete service and satisfaction for Ascent's partners, including hospitals, group purchasing organizations (GPOs) and integrated delivery networks (IDNs).

"We're pleased to have these two dynamic, experienced individuals return to Ascent," says

company CEO John Grotting. “Their return demonstrates confidence in our industry and validates Ascent’s role as a device manufacturer with state-of-the-art, scientifically based systems for cleaning, testing and sterilizing SUDs. As hospitals and surgery centers work to safely reduce mounting costs while lowering their environmental impact, they are looking increasingly to Ascent to provide device reprocessing, recycling and supply-chain consultation services to help meet these goals.

“Eric will help ensure that Ascent continues to develop advanced systems for manufacturing SUDs that customers can rely on,” Grotting added. “For his part, Kevin will lead a team of strategic account managers who work closely with our GPO and IDN customers to ensure that Ascent meets their needs and maximizes their members’ savings through the effective use of our complete range of services.”

From 2002 to 2006, Varty was with Alliance Medical Corporation, one of Ascent’s predecessor companies, in a variety of positions, including regulatory affairs specialist and R&D manager. He left Alliance in early 2006 to found Phoenix-based MediCycle, which disinfects and recycles medical waste and precious metals for hospitals. Varty has a B.S. degree in microbiology from Arizona State University.

Liszewski served as director of corporate accounts for Alliance from 2003 through 2006. His diverse background in healthcare also includes experience as national accounts manager for Stryker, a Michigan-based medical device and equipment manufacturer, and vice president of business development for Phoenix-based Kinex IHA Corporation, a healthcare products and services company. Liszewski holds an M.B.A. from The American Graduate School of International Management (Thunderbird), where he graduated with honors, and a B.A. in finance from Michigan State University.

About Ascent Healthcare Solutions

Since its inception, Ascent Healthcare Solutions, the leading independent third-party reprocessor of single-use medical devices (SUDs), has reprocessed more than 50 million SUDs, saving its customers in excess of \$500 million in supply expenses and eliminating over 10,000 tons from local landfills. Ascent’s 1,700 hospital partners include most of the U.S. News and 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. The company has also been recognized as a “Champion for Change” by Hospitals for a Healthy Environment (H2E) in recognition of the dramatic environmental benefits reprocessing by Ascent provides to U.S. hospitals and surgery centers. For more information about Ascent Healthcare Solutions, visit www.ascenths.com.

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