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Patrick DeGrace Named 2011-2013 HIBCC Board Chair

PHOENIX, AZ (April 18, 2011) – Patrick DeGrace, Director of Customer Care at Hospira Worldwide, Inc. has been elected Chair of the Board of Directors of the Health Industry Business Communications Council (HIBCC). The announcement was made by HIBCC President Robert Hankin in Phoenix, Arizona.

In addition to serving as Director of Customer Care at Hospira Worldwide, Inc. since December 2004, Mr. DeGrace acts as site director in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin, and leads Hospira's supply channel logistics group. He has served at Hospira since the company's 2004 spin-off from Abbott Laboratories which he joined in 1980.



“I have worked with HIBCC Standards for over 20 years and for nearly as long I have participated on its various technical committees until I joined the HIBCC Board in 2006. As Chair, I look forward to continuing my work on its important initiatives,” said DeGrace.

Dr. Hankin also announced the Board appointed DuWayne Schlittenhard, Vice President, and Heart/Vascular & Professional Services at St. Alexius Medical Center in Bismark, North Dakota, as Secretary/Treasurer. Outgoing Chair Greg Stivers, Vice President of Customer Technology for McKesson Medical-Surgical in Richmond, Virginia, will serve two years as Immediate Past Chair.

HIBCC is an industry-sponsored, non-profit standards development organization (SDO) that maintains labeling standards for hospitals and their suppliers. It was founded in 1983 and has been accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). The HIBCC mission is to facilitate electronic commerce by developing appropriate standards for information exchange among healthcare trading partners. This mission is extended globally via a network of HIBCC offices located throughout the world.

Additional information regarding the HIBCC organization can be accessed from the HIBCC website at www.hibcc.org.

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