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STRYKER'S JEFF HUTCHISON NAMED 2007-2008 HIBCC BOARD CHAIR

PHOENIX, AZ (January 15, 2007)—Jeff Hutchison, Director of Information Technology for Stryker, has been appointed Chair of the Board of Directors of the Health Industry Business Communications Council (HIBCC). The announcement was made by outgoing Chair Larry Egger, IT&S Assistant Vice President for HCA, at HIBCC's recent Board meeting in Phoenix, AZ.

Hutchison has been a member of HIBCC's Board representing the Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed) since 2004. During his tenure on the Board he has served on numerous key committees including Executive/Finance and Strategic Planning.

In related action, the Board appointed Greg Stivers, Vice President of Customer Technology for McKesson Medical-Surgical, as Chair-elect; and Patrick DeGrace, Director of Customer Care for Hospira, as Secretary/Treasurer. Egger will serve two years as Immediate Past Chair.

Other directors serving on the Board include:

Aiman Abdel-Malek, General Manager of Global Services Technology, GE Healthcare;

Dave Catino, Assistant Vice President of Strategy & Planning, HCA;

Richard Kriozere, President, Digi-Trax Corp.;

Frank Maloit, Vice President of Corporate Procurement, C. R. Bard, Inc.;

Steve McManus, Deputy Director of Medical Materiel, DoD;

Claude Ritman, Executive Director, Coler-Goldwater Specialty Hospital;

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).

HIBCC's bar code labeling standards are accredited by both ANSI and the European Committee for Standardization (CEN). 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 IHIBCC, a network of HIBCC offices located throughout the world.

Additional information regarding the HIBCC organization can be accessed from the HIBCC Web site at: www.hibcc.org

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