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HIBCC CHAIR, HCA’S LARRY EGGER, ANNOUNCES COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

PHOENIX, AZ (February 25, 2005) – Larry Egger, Chair of the Health Industry Business Communications Council (HIBCC) Board of Directors and IT&S Assistant Vice President for HCA, has announced the 2005 Committee and Co-Chair Appointments.

Selections were made in order to provide a broad representation of both individuals and organizations that participate in HIBCC and the healthcare industry. The appointments are as follows:

- **Executive / Finance Committee:**
  
  - Larry Egger *(HCA)*
  - Rich Gius *(Cardinal Health)*
  - Jim Hay *(MWI Veterinary Supply)*
  - William Graham *(C R Bard)*

- **Auto-ID / UPN Committee:**
  
  - Irwin Thall *(Precision Dynamics Corp)*
  - Luis Figarella *(Consulting Assistance)*

- **HIN User Group**
  
  - Doug Clark *(Merck Vaccine)*
  - Peter Hall, Ph.D. *(Consulting Assistance)*
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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