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### ***Helix Medical Announces Custom Black-jacketed Extrusion for Light Sensitive Pharmaceutical and Biotech Applications to Customer Specifications.***

**Carpinteria, California—March 28, 2011** - Helix Medical, LLC, manufacturer of the HelixMark® line of fluid handling products and a custom manufacturer for the medical device industry, has announced a new extrusion capability for the custom pharmaceutical and biotech markets. Helix Medical is now offering a custom solution to an industry need for an opaque exterior layer to block all light. Black-jacketed tubing is ideal for transporting photosensitive fluids or light sensitive pharmaceuticals, and it's important to note that the pigmented exterior layer does not touch the fluid path. The tubing is custom-manufactured to each customer's exact material and dimensional specifications and is currently available in the U.S. and through Helix Medical Europe.

“We offer our customers a choice of Dow Corning, Wacker, Nusil, or Momentive USP Class VI silicones,” said Chris Woodruff, Director of Marketing at Helix Medical. “We offer extrusions with custom ID/OD and packaging format. We are flexible in order to give customers what they need to be successful.”

Helix Medical's extrusion process takes place in Class 8 cleanrooms. Our extrusion facilities in Carpinteria, California and Kaiserslautern, Germany have been awarded ISO 13485 certification for our quality management systems. ISO 13485 is the internationally recognized standard for the quality management systems of organizations involved in the design, development, testing, manufacture, and distribution of medical devices. Material certification and lot traceability is included with every product shipped.

#### **About Helix Medical, LLC**

Helix Medical is a global custom manufacturer for the medical device, pharmaceutical, biotech, and IVD industries with six manufacturing operations worldwide. Medical manufacturing capabilities include development, silicone and thermoplastic molding and extrusions, complex catheter systems, assembly, packaging, and engineering services. Helix Medical manufactures the HelixMark® line of platinum-cured silicone tubing and fluid handling products for the pharmaceutical and biotech market. Established in 1984 and headquartered in Carpinteria, California, Helix Medical currently manufactures in California, Massachusetts, Germany, Ireland, and China. A facility in Costa Rica opens in early 2012.

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