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Helix Medical Announces Certifications for Cleanrooms in California and China

Carpinteria, CA – September 8, 2008 – Helix Medical, a global manufacturer for the medical device, health care, pharmaceutical, biotech, and IVD industries, announced today ISO Class 7 & 8 cleanroom certification, in accordance with ISO 14644, for their Carpinteria Operations in Carpinteria, CA.

In addition, APEC ASIA, a manufacturing operation of Helix Medical, has just passed an ISO 13485:2003 certification audit, made at the company's medical manufacturing facility in Shenzhen, China. APEC ASIA is one of a small number of firms in mainland China to carry this certification which attests to a quality management system designed and implemented specifically for medical devices. APEC manufactures thermoplastic and silicone medical device components and subassemblies.

“Helix Medical and its manufacturing operations have taken significant steps to provide certified manufacturing environments for the fabrication, assembly and packaging of medical devices and components,” said Thomas Vassallo, President, Helix Medical. “But beyond that, these new certifications demonstrate our commitment to grow our capabilities as the needs of our customers grow. We are dedicated to providing exceptional customer value above and beyond industry regulations.”

For more information on Helix Medical or APEC, contact Thomas M. Vassallo, President, Helix Medical, at (805) 684-3304.

About Helix Medical

Helix Medical, LLC is a subsidiary of Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership and its operations comprise the Health Care Products division of Freudenberg-NOK. Helix Medical, which was acquired by Freudenberg-NOK in 2006, has been a leading global manufacturer for the medical device, health care, pharmaceutical and biotech industries since 1984. Headquartered in Carpinteria, CA, Helix Medical operates an FDA-registered medical device facility, certified to

ISO 13485 and ISO Class 7 & 8, has operations located in North America and Asia, and distributes product globally.

Medical manufacturing capabilities include LIM, compression/transfer molding, insert and two-shot molding, as well as extrusion, assembly, packaging and sterilization. In addition to its custom manufacturing operations, Helix Medical also manufactures the proprietary HelixMark® brand of platinum-cured silicone tubing and fluid handling components for the pharmaceutical, biotech and IVD industries.

www.helixmedical.com

About APEC

Founded in 1997, APEC, A Division of Helix Medical, manufactures high precision medical device components and subassemblies specializing in thermoplastic, silicone (LIM), insert, and two-shot molding. A full service medical molder, APEC can provide turnkey contract manufacturing services or a single component program based on a client's needs. The Baldwin Park Operations includes a state-of-the-art 72,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility in southern California and the Asia Operations encompasses a 35,000 sq. ft. facility in Shenzhen, China.

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About Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership

Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership is the Americas joint venture between Freudenberg and Company in Germany and NOK Corporation in Japan. Together, Freudenberg and NOK Group Companies make up the world's largest producer of elastomeric seals and custom molded products. Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership has annual revenues of approximately \$1 billion U.S. www.freudenberg-nok.com

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