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### **Helix Medical to Supply W. L. Gore & Associates with Silicone Tubing for Biopharmaceutical Products**

**Carpinteria, California – January 23, 2012** - Helix Medical, LLC, manufacturer of the HelixMark® line of fluid handling products and a global manufacturer for the medical device industry, announces that it will be supplying silicone tubing to the PharmBIO Products business unit of W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc. (Gore). Gore will incorporate silicone tubing manufactured by Helix Medical within single use assemblies for its global pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical customers.

“This collaboration allows us to focus on the development of high-performance, technology-driven products while continuing to supply our customers with quality and value. The collaboration with Helix Medical will also enable Gore to expand our efforts around GORE® STA-PURE® Pump Tubing, Fluid Sampling System, and molded tubing assemblies to serve our customers better,” said Ken Parker, Global Sales Leader.

Helix Medical provides silicone extrusion in the United States, Europe, and in Costa Rica beginning in the first quarter of 2012. All Helix Medical facilities worldwide are certified ISO 13485 and extrusion takes place within Class 8 cleanrooms. Jorg Schneewind, President and CEO of Helix Medical adds, “we are proud to enter into this supplier relationship with Gore and support their customers. Helix Medical is a hallmark supplier of silicone products and services and this collaboration will be mutually beneficial for both companies and provide growth and support for customers in the bioprocessing market.”

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

Helix Medical is a global custom manufacturer for the medical device and healthcare industries with six manufacturing operations worldwide. Medical manufacturing capabilities include design and development, silicone and thermoplastic molding and extrusions, complex catheter systems, assembly, packaging, and engineering services. Helix Medical, a premier custom manufacturer of silicone extrusions for over 27 years, manufactures the HelixMark® line of platinum-cured silicone tubing and fluid handling components for the pharmaceutical and biotech market. Helix Medical currently manufactures in California, Massachusetts, Germany, Ireland, and China. A facility in Costa Rica opens in early 2012. [www.helixmedical.com](http://www.helixmedical.com)

#### **About W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc.**

Gore is a leading manufacturer of thousands of advanced technology products for electronics, industrial, consumer, pharmaceutical and healthcare markets. For more information about W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc. and Gore PharmBIO Products, visit [www.gore.com/pharmbio](http://www.gore.com/pharmbio).

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