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CONCORDIA FIBERS ADDS KEY HIRES TO COMPANY'S GROWING MEDICAL TEAM

New additions important step in forming a strong foundation for company's future growth

Coventry, R.I., September 20, 2007—Concordia Fibers has announced the appointments of Debra Masso and Ian Christianson to its medical team. The two talented additions come to Concordia Fibers with established relationships in the medical industry and will be integral to helping the company attract other new talent as well as new business opportunities.

"It is essential for Concordia to develop, hire, and retain qualified resources who understand our medical device customers' requirements for product safety and efficacy and who can assure continued compliance with established quality systems," commented Art Burghouwt, Executive Vice President Medical. "The most critical resource areas for Concordia Medical's success, besides continuing to develop our manufacturing associates, are in operations, quality/regulatory, and product/process development engineering."

As medical manufacturing manager for the company's new medical division, Debra Masso will be focused on building and managing systems to partner with established companies and manufacture medical implants. Masso has 16 years of experience in medical device manufacturing and comes to Concordia Fibers with extensive experience managing clean room medical device assembly and manufacturing as well as developing specialty sutures and fibers.

Additionally, Ian Christianson recently joined Concordia Fibers as manager of quality assurance and regulatory affairs for the company's new medical division and will be responsible for ensuring that the company's customers' products and services comply with the regulatory requirements of the medical device industry. Christianson has 12 years of experience in regulated industries, including 10 years in medical device development and manufacturing. He holds a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from the University of Arizona, an M.S. in Industrial Engineering from Texas A&M University, and an MBA from the University of Massachusetts—Dartmouth. Christianson's medical experience includes working with implants, instruments, and capital equipment.

"It was a significant accomplishment to be able to attract Deb and Ian to Concordia since they both have extensive medical device and quality systems experience," added Burghouwt. "While both of them will be instrumental in bringing our customers' products through the various development stages to commercialization and helping us develop other internal resources through training and internal auditing, their most significant contribution will, without a doubt, be the critically important working relationships they establish with our customers as they bring their medical device products to life."

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