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EMCI Enters Joint Venture with Cardioptimus

The joint venture will complete commercialization of a new cardiac device

Mission, Kansas, July 25, 2013: EMCI is proud to announce a new joint venture with Columbia, MO based Cardioptimus, a medical device company engendered from the University of Missouri BioDesign and Innovation Program. The project will commercialize the Embolisher, a supplemental safety device for use in Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR) to eliminate the high stroke rate that remains a major clinical hurdle associated with the procedure.

Peter Lucas, COO of EMCI, says "The future of surgery is minimally-invasive transcatheter procedures, and this device greatly enhances the safety of TAVR. With Cardioptimus' clinical expertise matched with EMCI's commercialization capabilities, we expect this to be a great step forward for the future of cardiac surgery."

"It gives me great pleasure to announce that Cardioptimus has launched this joint venture with EMCI. The joint venture will combine Cardioptimus' clinical and engineering prowess with EMCI's regulatory expertise, engineering management, and developed infrastructure to drive the Embolisher to market," says Clint Matthews, CEO of Cardioptimus.

James Lucas and Peter Lucas founded EMCI in 2006. Its focus is medical device innovation and development. The company has a solid history in the medical device industry and is currently developing and commercializing a wide array of new, cutting-edge technologies.

Relatively unique in the industry, EMCI's work spans across several key areas:

- Large-scale production of devices already in the market
- Development of its own technologies
- Development, commercialization and manufacturing of licensed technologies
- Productive partnerships with intellectual property owners
- World-class medical device outsourcing

The company has capabilities that start with engineering, prototyping and regulatory and go all the way through manufacturing, large-scale production, and after-sales service and repair.

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