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## EMCI Signs Partnership Agreement with ASP Medical, LLC

### *Partnership to Commercialize Active Thoracic Clearance System*

**Mission, Kansas, August 15, 2012:** EMCI is happy to announce a long-term, formal partnership agreement with ASP Medical, LLC to commercialize and manufacture an active catheter system, developed by cardiac surgeon Dr. Michael Meurer, for chest clearance after thoracic surgery. This new device will reduce post-surgical intensive care nursing demands and virtually eliminate cases of surgery-related cardiac tamponade, a condition that can be fatal if left untreated.

“We are absolutely thrilled to be involved with ASP Medical. Their practical, hands-on inventions for surgical application are well-positioned to be dominant in the market, and are certain to help countless patients” says James Lucas, President and CEO of EMCI.

ASP Medical is a Kansas company that has received proof-of-concept funding from the Kansas Bioscience Authority for its exciting work in surgical product and device innovation. It brings a unique insight into the surgical suite, with an emphasis on pragmatic solutions to ongoing problems.

EMCI was founded by James Lucas and Peter Lucas 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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