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ADVENTIST HEALTH SELECTS ASCENT HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES THROUGH MEDICAL DEVICE REMANUFACTURING/REPROCESSING

Sole Source Partnership allows Adventist to focus its resources on providing highest quality patient care & safety

Phoenix, Ariz. – February 17, 2009 – Ascent Healthcare Solutions, a leader in the medical device industry delivering efficiency and sustainability in healthcare, announced today that Adventist Health, a large, nonprofit integrated delivery system that provides health care in California, Oregon, Washington and Hawaii, has selected Ascent to support its sustainability initiatives through medical device remanufacturing and reprocessing. The partnership will help Adventist Health minimize its environmental impact, support its safety record and maximize its cost savings, advancing Adventist Health's mission of healing and providing the best care possible. The exclusive contract will be in effect through February 1, 2011.

Ascent's remanufacturing/reprocessing program will save Adventist Health an estimated \$4.2 million in supply costs while diverting 144,000 pounds from already overtaxed landfills for its 18 member hospitals. Adventist Health's thirty-eight affiliates can also take advantage of the program.

Ascent, with close to 90 510(k) clearances from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), offers the broadest range of reprocessed cardiovascular, endoscopic/laparoscopic, general surgery/OR, orthopedic/arthroscopic, gastroenterology, respiratory and ophthalmology devices. Each individual device undergoes rigorous examination and testing,

ensuring the highest level of quality and patient safety. Their cost is typically half the price of original devices.

“Partnering with Ascent will help reduce costs and allow us to reallocate resources to enhance Adventist Health’s programs,” said Lana Smith, RN MSN, Director Clinical Contracting and Value Analysis. “The relationship supports our environmental stewardship activities as well as our focus on providing the overall safe, quality patient care with the most extensive and impactful remanufacturing/reprocessing program centered on the ecologically and financial sound use of resources.”

“Adventist Health has a rich tradition of patient-focused care that resonates as strongly today as when it was originally founded. Our shared values of accountability to our communities and our environment take this partnership beyond the obvious benefits of cost savings,” stated Ascent COO Rick Ferreira.

ABOUT ADVENTIST HEALTH

Adventist Health is a not-for-profit, faith-based health system operating in California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington. Founded on the Seventh-day Adventist heritage of Christian health care, Adventist Health is comprised of 18 hospitals with more than 2,800 beds, nearly 18,000 employees, numerous clinics and outpatient facilities, the largest system of rural health clinics in California, 15 home care agencies and three joint-venture retirement centers with a fourth on the way. For more information, visit www.adventisthealth.org.

ABOUT ASCENT HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS

By continuously pioneering sustainability initiatives in healthcare, Ascent Healthcare Solutions has become a leader in the medical device industry. Ascent’s programs target inefficient practices to reclaim and redirect consumable and financial resources to promote healthy and responsible hospitals. Today, Ascent’s medical device sustainability programs deliver remanufactured and/or reprocessed medical devices as well as comprehensive recycling and redistribution initiatives. Ascent has been recognized as a “Champion for Change” by Hospitals for a Healthy Environment (now Practice Greenhealth) in recognition of the dramatic environmental benefits its remanufacturing and reprocessing programs provide to U.S. hospitals and surgery centers. Ascent’s more than 1,800 hospital partners include most of the U.S. News & World Report “Honor Roll” hospitals. The company has agreements with all leading national group purchasing organizations as well as numerous nationally recognized hospital integrated delivery networks. For more information about Ascent Healthcare Solutions, visit www.ascenths.com.

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