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**CardioSkills and ACIST Medical Systems Collaborate
for Advanced Education and Training**

Minneapolis, MN, March 7, 2007 – ACIST Medical Systems, leading the market in variable-rate, automated contrast delivery injection systems used in cardiac and vascular angiography, is pleased to announce a collaboration with [CardioSkills](#) at their interventional cardiology advanced training and simulation center, in Frankfurt, Germany. This collaboration is part of ACIST’s ongoing commitment to continuing medical education to bring clinicians new tools, services and training for enhancing their clinical practice.

The CardioSkills simulation center provides a valuable opportunity for physicians to practice hands-on techniques with guiding catheters, guidewires, PTCA balloon catheters, intra-coronary stents and the ACIST® contrast delivery system. Physicians have the ability to choose the type of lesion(s) to be treated, the correct stent or PTCA wire or balloon to be used, as well as the ability to introduce and manage complications and cardiac emergencies. Real-time images of the coronary arteries are generated during contrast-medium injections with the ACIST injection technology. In addition, a very complex mannequin is part of every procedure and responds like an actual patient.

At this site alone, over 1,200 medical professionals from all over the world are expected to train at the center in 2007 and to use the ACIST Contrast Delivery System during their sessions. In addition, the partnership with CardioSkills provides ACIST employees, from all disciplines within the company, a chance to “do angiography procedures” to help gain an in-depth understanding of our customers’ needs in a very practical and useful way. ACIST is pleased to be part of this innovative training partnership which is believed will help clinicians, our employees and, most importantly, people undergoing angiography procedures.

About ACIST

ACIST is a world leader in contrast delivery solutions for the imaging field, dedicated to advancing the art of angiography through research and development of new products and technologies – supporting today’s needs and anticipating those of tomorrow. More than four million people around the world have had cardiovascular angiographic procedures using an ACIST system, now at over one million annually – and growing. ACIST systems are widely proven in the global health care arena, with clinical usage in over 30

countries and in many world-renowned centers, as well as in community hospitals and university settings.

About Bracco

The Bracco Group is a world leading provider in diagnostic imaging, with net sales of about 800 million Euros per year. Bracco has operations in 115 countries and about 2,100 employees, around 300 of whom work in R & D. Bracco invests approximately 15% of its annual turnover in R & D and has a portfolio of 1,500 patents worldwide.

The Bracco Group is a leader in the diagnostic imaging market with an integrated product offering from a diverse roster of subsidiary companies. While Bracco is recognized internationally as a definitive market leader in its core business of contrast media, Bracco also markets key diagnostic imaging resources through the following companies: ACIST Medical Systems, a manufacturer of advanced contrast media injection systems and Singapore-based Volume Interactions, which also produces advanced 3-D medical software.

Bracco also operates a high-level international research network, with three centers (Ivrea, Geneva, and Princeton). These centers develop products of the latest-generation diagnostic techniques, from X-ray and computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), echocontrast and nuclear medicine.

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