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### **ACIST Medical Systems Celebrates the Grand Opening of its New Headquarters**

**Minneapolis, MN, October 2, 2007** – ACIST Medical Systems, a leading clinical and technological innovator in automated contrast delivery systems and part of the Bracco Group, celebrated the grand opening of its new headquarters in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. The 50,000+ sq ft facility is designed to accommodate ACIST’s manufacturing and product development efforts in support of its successful contrast delivery technology.

Located at 7905 Fuller Road, the new manufacturing and corporate headquarters includes a larger manufacturing area, expanded product development capabilities and a clean layout designed to accommodate growth. “The opening of this facility signifies an important step in Minnesota’s biotech industry,” said Terry Bunge, President and Chief Operating Officer of ACIST. “ACIST is a Minnesota venture that has developed, and continually enhanced, an innovative cardiovascular device. As we celebrate this milestone, we continue to provide the high level of product support and quality customers expect from ACIST.” The move is seamless to customers; all phone numbers, web and email numbers remain the same.

A key factor in the move is the increased product development capacity at the Fuller Road location. “This new facility allows ACIST to continue the fast-paced development of new technologies that assist physicians in delivering better patient care while improving workflow and economics in the cardiac catheterization lab.” said Fulvio Renoldi Bracco, Chairman of ACIST. “We listen very carefully to our customers to continually improve existing products as we develop and discover new technologies to meet anticipated needs. This facility is a reflection of the success of this process, and we look forward to continuing growth and innovation.”

#### **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. ACIST systems are widely proven in the global health care arena, with clinical usage in over 40 countries and in many world-renowned centers, as well as in community hospitals and university settings.

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**About Bracco**

The Bracco Group is today a worldwide integrated Healthcare Group with annual turnover of about 900 million Euro - around 60% of which is from foreign sales and is one of the world leading companies in the imaging agent business through Bracco Imaging SpA.

Bracco SpA, holding company of the Bracco Group, also markets ethical and OTC pharmaceutical products and healthcare services in Italy, as well as Advanced Medical Technology systems on a world wide basis through the Bracco AMT companies, ACIST Medical Systems, based in Minneapolis, and Volume Interactions of Singapore.

Bracco is present in approximately 80 countries both directly and through joint-ventures or affiliates and currently employs more than 2,300 people worldwide, over 300 of which are dedicated to R&D, Medical and Regulatory Affairs.

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