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## **CooperSurgical Expands Laparoscopic Portfolio with Smoke Evacuation Product Line**

*Product improves visualization and clinician safety during the procedure*

TRUMBULL, CONN., February 12, 2010 -- CooperSurgical announced today that it has added a disposable smoke evacuation system for use in laparoscopic surgery to its product offering. This new addition enhances the company's growing portfolio of products for minimally invasive surgery.

“Awareness of the health hazards resulting from exposure to smoke and aerosolized pathogens has been growing,” says Robert Auerbach, Chief Medical Officer and Senior Vice-President. “The dangers health care workers are exposed to as a result of unvented laparoscopic gases are manifold. It has been estimated that destruction of a single gram of tissue during an electrosurgical procedure is equivalent to smoking six cigarettes in fifteen minutes. The SeeClear device not only clears the field of smoke thus providing better visibility during the operation, it also removes harmful particulates which yields a safer working environment for operating personnel.”

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The product, SeeClear<sup>®</sup>, is a fully disposable passive multi-stage smoke evacuation system for use in laparoscopic surgery. Elevated abdominal pressure required during minimally invasive procedures pushes the smoke and other matter through the filtration system along with the carbon dioxide gas used to distend the abdominal cavity. The device employs a preset flow rate to ensure abdominal pressure is maintained during the procedure while providing optimal evacuation of smoke and aerosolized pathogens through the first stage of filtration. Odors and chemical toxins are trapped in the enclosed charcoal filter before the gas stream is released back to the operating room as purified carbon dioxide. This passive system does not require external vacuum, or additional parts for operation. Thus no additional noise is added to the operating environment nor cost to the system.

CooperSurgical, Inc., is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Cooper Companies (NYSE:COO). The company, headquartered in Trumbull, CT, produces and markets a wide array of products for use by women's health care clinicians.

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