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## **CooperSurgical Welcomes Apple Medical Corporation**

*Expands market presence in labor and delivery and surgical suites*

TRUMBULL, CONN., April 14, 2011 -- CooperSurgical announced today that it has acquired Apple Medical, previously a privately held company with a history of developing unique products for the obstetricians and gynecologists. This acquisition expands the company's presence in the hospital setting with branded disposable products used in labor and delivery and minimally invasive surgery, while growing its line of LEEP electrodes.

Apple Medical products will be folded into the appropriate operating divisions within the company. Key products in the Apple Medical portfolio include the Mobius<sup>®</sup> Elastic Retractor, Hunt Cannula/Trocar and Fischer Cone Biopsy device. The Mobius is used in cesarean deliveries as well as traditional open surgical procedures to improve access while minimizing the size of the surgical incision required, thus improving patient recovery times. The Hunt Cannula/Trocar provides access during laparoscopic surgery, and the Fischer Cone Biopsy device permits precise excision of cervical tissue.

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“The Apple Medical acquisition affords CooperSurgical with an expanded offering of unique products we will be able to deliver to our established customer base,” says Cheryl Bogardus, Vice President of Marketing. “Importantly, we believe the products are complementary to our existing offerings and that the enhanced portfolio will permit us to serve our combined customers’ needs in a more comprehensive way.”

The disposable Mobius retractor provides excellent surgical access while minimizing surgical trauma for faster patient recovery. The device is appropriate for use in about 2.7 million gynecologic and obstetric procedures in the U.S. including: the removal of fibroid tumors and cysts, abdominal hysterectomy, female sterilization and cesarean delivery.<sup>1</sup>

The cost effective Hunt Trocar/Cannula is a fully disposable system that enables unobstructed abdominal access while easing instrument exchange and manipulation during minimally invasive surgery. The Fischer Cone Biopsy device facilitates cervical biopsy during a loop electrical excision procedure.

<sup>1</sup> 2006 National Hospital Discharge Survey: Number of all-listed procedures for discharges from short-stay hospital, by ICD-9 code, sex, age and geographic region, United States, 2006.

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