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APEC Announces Expansion of Medical Manufacturing Facility *Now Offering Class 10,000 Cleanroom Assembly*

Baldwin Park, CA – Feb. 9, 2009 – APEC, A Division of Helix Medical, announced today the expansion of its state-of-the-art medical device manufacturing operation in Baldwin Park, California. The facility expansion includes three new cleanrooms – a 10,000 square foot Class 100,000 cleanroom (ISO Class 8) for injection molding and assembly, a Class 100,000 assembly room, and a Class 10,000 assembly room (ISO Class 7). APEC has also doubled the size of their metrology lab adding several pieces of leading edge equipment for color inspection, measurement, and additional software.

The expansion will enable APEC to increase capacity for molding, metrology, and cleanroom assembly by 50%. “This investment reflects our commitment to our customers,” said Anura Welikala, President of APEC, “and our commitment to grow as a world-class molder and offer tier one manufacturing services to medical device and life science companies.”

For more information on APEC’s services please contact Ron Noggle at 1-626-814-9684 or visit www.apecplastics.com.

About APEC

Founded in 1997, APEC, A Division of Helix Medical, manufactures high precision medical device components and subassemblies specializing in thermoplastic, silicone (LIM), insert, and two-shot molding. A full service medical molder, APEC can provide turnkey contract manufacturing services or a single component program based on a client’s needs. The Baldwin Park Operations includes a state-of-the-art 72,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility in southern California and the Asia Operations encompasses a 35,000 sq. ft. facility in Shenzhen, China. www.apecplastics.com

About Helix Medical, LLC

Helix Medical has been a leading global manufacturer for the medical device, health care, pharmaceutical, biotech, and IVD industries since 1984. Medical manufacturing capabilities include silicone molding (LIM), thermoplastic molding, extrusion, assembly, packaging, and sterilization. Headquartered in Carpinteria, CA, Helix Medical operates an FDA-registered medical device facility, certified to ISO 13485 and ISO Class 7 & 8 cleanrooms, with operations in North America and Asia, and global product distribution. www.helixmedical.com

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