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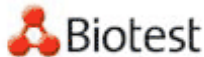
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Helix Medical achieves certifications for California and China cleanrooms

SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 -- CARPINTERIA, CA -- Helix Medical, a global manufacturer for the medical device, health care, pharmaceutical, biotech, and IVD industries, has announced ISO Class 7 and 8 cleanroom certification, in accordance with ISO 14644, for its Carpinteria operations.

In addition, APEC ASIA, a manufacturing operation of Helix Medical, has just passed an ISO 13485:2003 certification audit, conducted at the company's medical manufacturing facility in Shenzhen, China. APEC ASIA is one of a small number of firms in mainland China to carry this certification, which attests to a quality management system designed and implemented specifically for medical devices. APEC manufactures thermoplastic and silicone medical device components and subassemblies.



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"Helix Medical and its manufacturing operations have taken significant steps to provide certified manufacturing environments for the fabrication, assembly, and packaging of medical devices and components," says Thomas Vassallo, president, Helix Medical. "But beyond that, these new certifications demonstrate our commitment to grow our capabilities as the needs of our customers grow. We are dedicated to providing exceptional customer value above and beyond industry regulations."

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