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Nihon Kohden Corporation and Inovise Medical Announce Partnership to Improve Cardiac Diagnosis; Collaboration Expands Inovise Geographic Reach and Delivers New Integrated Solutions for Earlier Diagnosis of Acute Heart Conditions

TOKYO & PORTLAND, Ore.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sept. 7, 2005--Nihon Kohden Corporation, a leading global manufacturer of medical electronic equipment and the leading provider of cardiology equipment in Japan and China, and Inovise Medical, a privately held cardiac diagnostic company, today announced the two companies have signed a multi-year agreement to integrate Inovise Medical's AUDICOR® heart sounds detection and analysis technology into the next generation of Nihon Kohden electrocardiographs. The first full-featured electrocardiograph with AUDICOR® heart sound analysis will be released by Nihon Kohden later this year. Under the terms of the agreement, Inovise Medical will also develop a version of its AUDICOR® Cardiograph Expansion System (AUDICOR® CE) for Nihon Kohden to distribute for use with its market-leading cardiofax Electrocardiograph line in Japan.

Inovise Medical's AUDICOR® technology combines automated heart sound detection and analysis with advanced electrocardiography, and presents both graphical and textual results in a comprehensive single-page format. The system uses COR (Correlated Audioelectric Cardiography) to help physicians quickly detect patients at higher risk of acute heart failure, acute coronary syndrome, and other high-risk cardiac conditions. When combined with Nihon Kohden's full-featured digital electrocardiograph platforms, AUDICOR® will provide physicians with a powerful new tool for the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment monitoring of heart disease at the point of care.

"We look forward to working with Inovise Medical to make integrated heart sound and ECG analysis the new standard of care for cardiac diagnosis," commented Kohei Ono, Corporate Director of Nihon Kohden Corporation. "There is an increasing global burden of cardiac disease and concern over rising healthcare costs. AUDICOR® technology, together with Nihon Kohden's leading line of electrocardiographs, will improve identification of more patients at higher cardiac risk, and provide ongoing treatment monitoring, in a very fast, efficient, and cost-effective manner."

"Nihon Kohden's outstanding reputation as an innovative, global leader of cardiology products and patient monitoring equipment makes this an extremely exciting partnering opportunity for Inovise," said Patti White, CEO of Inovise Medical. "Japan is the second largest market for cardiovascular equipment in the world, and China is a large and rapidly-growing market. As Japan's largest manufacturer and distributor of medical electronic equipment, with strong positions in China, the United States, and Europe, Nihon Kohden is an ideal partner to bring the benefits of AUDICOR® heart sounds technology to patients in new geographic markets and new product platforms worldwide."

About Nihon Kohden Corporation

Nihon Kohden is Japan's leading manufacturer, developer and distributor of patient monitors, defibrillators, ECGs, EEGs, EP/EMGs, hematology analyzers and other medical electronic equipment, with subsidiaries in the United States, Europe, and Asia, and distributors in nearly every country in the world. Nihon Kohden is a publicly held company listed in the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. In addition to designing medical equipment for hospital and clinic use, Nihon Kohden actively contributes to the advance of medical technology. For more information, visit the Company's web site at www.nihonkohden.com.

About Inovise Medical, Inc.

Inovise Medical, Inc., of Portland, Oregon is a privately held company founded in 1997 by former members of Hewlett-Packard's Diagnostic Cardiology Division's management and technical team. Inovise Medical's AUDICOR® technology combines automated heart sound detection and analysis with advanced

electrocardiography, and presents both graphical and textual results in a comprehensive single-page format. AUDICOR® enables clinicians to rapidly and accurately assess patients presenting with symptoms of acute heart failure, acute coronary syndrome, and other high-risk cardiac conditions, resulting in earlier administration of definitive therapy. Additional information on Inovise Medical, Inc. and AUDICOR® technology may be found at <http://www.audicor.com>

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