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MICROLINE SURGICAL APPOINTS SHARAD JOSHI AS PRESIDENT

BEVERLY, Mass. — April 2, 2010 — Dr. Jean-Luc Boulnois, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Microline Surgical, Inc., announced today that the Board has appointed Mr. Sharad Joshi as the Company's new President and Chief Operating Officer (COO), effective April 1st, 2010. Dr. Jean-Luc Boulnois will remain as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and will continue his duties as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Sharad Joshi will join the Board of Microline Surgical.

Mr. Sharad Joshi has been at Microline for three years and most recently served as Sr. Director of Marketing and New Business Development. Additionally, he assumed the role of President and COO of Starion Instruments following the acquisition by Microline on April, 22, 2009. He brings over 20 years of experience from the medical device field including leadership positions in Business Development, Marketing, Sales, Operations, and R&D. In addition to his experience at Boston Scientific and Alliant Medical Technologies, he was the Founder, President, and CEO of Blue Torch Medical Technologies.

"Together with our strong Management team building the future of the Company, Microline is uniquely positioned for growth with its global resources, aggressive business development strategy, and exceptional products," said Mr. Joshi.

"Our tremendous growth, organically and through the acquisition of Starion Instruments in 2009, has expanded our reach into the surgical marketplace," said Dr. Boulnois. "At this juncture, Microline Surgical elected to separate the strategic functions that will be assumed by the Chairman and CEO, from the operational functions that will be the responsibility of the President and COO. Mr. Joshi will continue to work closely with Senior Management to organize Microline Surgical to better serve our partners, our physician customers and their patients, while

continuing our successful expansion into global markets. As Chairman, I will focus on creating and developing partnerships that complement Microline's core business and enhance shareholder value."

Microline designs, develops, manufactures and markets a broad range of minimally invasive reusable surgical instruments that offer high quality and precision, combined with ease of use and cost effectiveness.

About Microline Surgical

Headquartered in Beverly, Massachusetts, Microline Surgical, Inc. is a leading U.S. medical device manufacturer of high quality reusable surgical laparoscopic instruments. Founded in 1987, Microline is a wholly owned subsidiary of HOYA Corporation (7741:TSE) in Tokyo, Japan, a \$4.5 billion company with approximately half of its revenues from medical business including endoscopy and eye care. Microline's integrated modular laparoscopic instrumentation system consists of a selection of reusable handpieces that utilize a broad assortment of disposable tips. This concept allows for surgical efficiency and cost effectiveness to be preserved at all times. The company's patented product portfolio comprises cutting, dissecting, grasping, cauterizing and ligating instruments used in all laparoscopic surgical procedures. Starion Instruments' products are based on patented tissue welding and vessel sealing technology used worldwide for open and endoscopic cardiac, gynecology, general surgery, otolaryngology, and urology procedures. Microline Surgical products are sold in over 60 countries, with the vast majority of its manufacturing being done in the United States. For more information, visit www.microlinesurgical.com.

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