



MICROMEDICS NAMED AS TEKNE AWARD FINALIST

Premier awards program recognizes Minnesota companies and individuals for technology innovation and leadership

St. Paul, MN, Sept 13, 2006 – Micromedics has been named as a finalist for a 2006 Tekne Award. Minnesota's annual Tekne awards recognize companies and individuals who have shown superior technology innovation and leadership.

The Minnesota High Tech Association (MHTA) and Minnesota Technology, Inc. (MTI), in partnership with LifeScience Alley, join together to recognize technology innovators and leaders who have made lasting contributions to enhancing the quality of life and competitiveness of Minnesota. The awards are separated into both emerging and established company categories that recognize the best and brightest in the innovation, development, education, commercialization and management of technology.

"I am pleased that Micromedics was chosen as a Tekne award finalist in the Emerging Medical Device category," said Curt Miller, CEO of Micromedics. "So far in 2006, Micromedics has introduced new medical products that range from biomaterials applicators to implants for use in ear, nose and throat surgery. In addition, we continue to support the rapid market introduction of the EarPopper™, a small, easy-to-use device that effectively treats middle ear pressure and fluid build-up. Considering the millions of adults and children who are treated with antibiotics for symptoms of fluid and ear pain, the EarPopper is an innovation welcomed by physicians and patients alike. A recent NIH-sponsored study showed an 85% hearing restoration in children diagnosed with hearing loss from persistent Otitis Media with Effusion (fluid in the middle ear) – without the use of vent tubes or antibiotics.

The EarPopper and our other new products demonstrates Micromedics' continual drive to create and deliver products that improve patient health and respond to the needs and challenges of the clinical environment."

Kate Rubin, president of MHTA stated that "Minnesota's Tekne Award finalists are recognized as experts and innovators in their fields. Because our state is privileged to serve as a home to many leading high-tech companies, it's an honor to be singled out and named Tekne Award finalist. It's companies like Micromedics that continue to make Minnesota a great place to live and work."

Wayne A. Pletcher, Ph. D., president & CEO of Minnesota Technology, Inc. added: "We are proud to honor Micromedics as a 2006 Tekne Award finalist and are pleased to recognize their leadership in the industry."

The 2006 Tekne Awards will be presented on Thursday, October 26th at the Minneapolis Convention Center, beginning with a reception and silent auction at 4:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the awards ceremony at 7:00 p.m.

Fifty-one finalists have been named in 17 categories. A list of all finalists and categories can be found at www.tekneawards.org.

About Micromedics

Micromedics, Inc. was founded in 1982. Micromedics develops, manufactures and markets proprietary medical devices including Implants, instruments and devices for otolaryngology, products to organize and protect surgical instruments, and biomaterials applicators. In addition, Micromedics leverages its expertise to develop and manufacture OEM products. Micromedics processes comply with US FDA cGMP requirements and European ISO13485 requirements. The Company markets its products and services through a worldwide network of independent representatives and stocking distributors. To learn more about Micromedics products, visit our website at www.micromedics.com and www.earpopper.com or call us at 800-624-5662.

About MTI

Minnesota Technology, Inc. (MTI) helps drive the small to mid-size manufacturing sector by selling greater efficiency tools, productivity and growth solutions, and cutting edge information at competitive rates. MTI operates as a private 501(C)3 organization, collaborating with the federal government, to provide a public service that stimulates business and economic development in Minnesota's manufacturing sector. MTI's staff are competent, trained professionals with expertise in leading edge productivity tools and growth solutions, committed to making Minnesota a stronger player in the global manufacturing matrix.

About MHTA

The Minnesota High Tech Association accelerates the growth, sustainability and global competitiveness of Minnesota's technology-based economy through public policy advocacy, member collaboration and education, and community outreach. MHTA is the only membership organization that represents Minnesota's entire technology-based economy. MHTA members include organizations of every size – involved in virtually every aspect of technology creation, production, application and education in Minnesota. MHTA works in partnership with AeA, which represents Minnesota's technology organizations nationally. More information on the MHTA can be found at www.mhta.org.

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