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THOMAS MORIZIO NAMED PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF ACIST MEDICAL SYSTEMS, INC.

MILAN, Italy and EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn.; October 12, 2010 – Bracco announces that it has appointed Thomas Morizio as the new President and Chief Operating Officer of ACIST Medical Systems, Inc., a leading provider of contrast delivery systems for cardiology and radiology imaging and part of the Bracco Group. Morizio, formerly Vice President of Marketing for the Kyphon Division at Medtronic, began last week leading the global efforts of the Minnesota based company.

Morizio brings over 24 years of extensive experience in business development, market development, technical and product development, international marketing, strategy and portfolio planning from his prior roles at Medtronic and Baxter Healthcare Corporations.

“ACIST, the medical device arm of the Bracco Group, will benefit from Tom’s vast experience and leadership in the cardiovascular arena,” said Fulvio Renoldi Bracco, Head of the Global Business Unit Imaging for Bracco, and CEO of ACIST. “We are confident that Tom’s leadership skills and experience will successfully guide ACIST as we continue to innovate and grow in our current and emerging markets.”

Morizio holds a Bachelors degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, a Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and an MBA from the University of Chicago.

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About ACIST Medical Systems

ACIST Medical Systems, a Bracco Group company, is a pioneer and market leader of advanced contrast imaging system technology in the fields of cardiology and radiology, with a global clinical presence in over 40 countries. Over 2,200 advanced, variable-flow contrast injection systems developed for cardiology clinicians are in use worldwide; about half of which are in the United States. Over seven million patients have benefited from a cardiovascular angiography procedure using an ACIST contrast injection system. ACIST Medical Systems directly employs more than 220 people worldwide, with the majority located at its corporate headquarters in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. Two other regional offices, in Europe and Asia, further coordinate local sales and system activities. www.acist.com

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About the Bracco Group

Founded in 1927, the Bracco Group is today a worldwide integrated healthcare group, and one of the world leading companies in the imaging agent business, with annual turnover of one billion Euro — 65% of which is from international foreign sales. Bracco SpA, the holding company of the Bracco Group, also markets ethical and over-the-counter pharmaceutical products and healthcare services in Italy, as well as Advanced Medical Technology systems on a worldwide basis through the ACIST Medical Systems, based in Minneapolis. Bracco is present in 90 countries, either directly or indirectly, through subsidiaries, joint ventures, licenses and distribution partnership agreements, and currently employs more than 2,700 people worldwide, approximately 300 of which are dedicated to Research & Development, Medical and Regulatory Affairs.

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