Sumitomo Bakelite Co., Ltd. and Merit Medical Systems, Inc. Sign Distribution Deal for Steerable Microcatheter

Tokyo, Japan – October 20, 2015  Sumitomo Bakelite Co., Ltd. (TOKYO:4203) On October 1, 2015, Sumitomo Bakelite Co., Ltd. signed an exclusive worldwide distribution agreement (excluding Japan) with Merit Medical Systems, Inc. (South Jordan, Utah, USA., Chairman and CEO: Fred P. Lampropoulos) to distribute SwiftNINJA™ Steerable Microcatheter.

SwiftNINJA™ Steerable Microcatheter, which is CE Marked, will be launched in the European market soon, and subsequently in the U.S. subject to FDA registration. Merit Medical Systems, Inc. possesses greater than 30 sales representatives and additional distribution networks in Europe and a robust and expansive sales force in the U.S. and global markets.

SwiftNINJA™ is a proprietary microcatheter with the steering dial at the operating portion which provides the operator with optimal control of the steerable tip.

Compared with conventional microcatheters, the device can be freely navigated to the target sites, which reduces the frequency of the use of guidewires. Thus, time required for an interventional procedure is shortened, and as a result, X-ray exposure is reduced.

Merit Medical Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ: MMSI) was founded in 1987 and is engaged in the development, manufacture and distribution of disposable medical devices used in interventional and diagnostic procedures. It is a leading company of embolization agents for intervascular procedures.

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