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Dear Friends and Associates,

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of our founder, leader and inspiration, William A. Cook, on April 15, 2011. Bill succumbed to heart failure, which he had gallantly battled over the past several years. We grieve with and offer our prayers and thoughts to Gayle, Carl and Marcy. Bill's many contributions to the medical device industry are unprecedented, and his generous gifts to community and charitable organizations are extraordinary. Bill left behind the uniquely diversified Cook Group of Companies, which he founded, nurtured and guided for forty-eight years. It was through his extraordinary vision, dedication and persistence that Cook grew into a compassionate and caring company for patients, customers and employees. He truly epitomized the meaning of success.

During this time of loss and mourning, it is important to remember Bill's tenacity and spirit. I think all would agree that Bill would expect nothing less than for all of us to carry on with passion and zeal in these circumstances. In Bill's wisdom, he planned for an organization that would continue to flourish in his absence. He, Gayle and Carl purposefully structured the Board of Directors and Officers of Cook Group to continue the leadership required to take the entire Cook organization to new heights. Led by Steve Ferguson, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Kem Hawkins, President of Cook Group Incorporated, the Cook Group companies are positioned to grow and prosper in the future years.

As we move forward to carry on Bill's vision, it is appropriate to stop and reflect on the remarkable impact he made on the lives of patients around the world, on the entire medical industry, on the doctors he inspired and on all of us who had the incredible opportunity to know and work with him. Bill will be sadly and profoundly missed, but never forgotten.

Sincerely,

COOK GROUP INCORPORATED

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Steve Ferguson
Chairman of the Board

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Kem Hawkins
President

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