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To whom it may concern,

Statement

In November 2000, Royal Philips Electronics and Agilent Technologies, Inc. signed a binding agreement for Philips to purchase the assets of Agilent's Healthcare Solutions Group (HSG) business in 33 countries. It is anticipated that HSG will become part of the existing worldwide Philips Medical Systems organization on August 1st 2001. All HSG products will be affected by this anticipated transaction and include, but are not limited to:

Patient monitoring systems, fetal and maternal monitors, clinical information systems, electrocardiographs, medical supplies, clinical data management systems, ultrasound imaging systems, and defibrillators.

A smooth transition period will be used to phase out the following Brandnames used by Agilent:

Hewlett-Packard and
Agilent Technologies,

which will be replaced by the Philips Brandname in future marketing activities (likely in the course of 2002).

Philips' purchase of the HSG assets will require changing labeling, documents and displays containing the Agilent Technologies and Hewlett-Packard names. It will not be possible to simultaneously implement all these changes. Thus, for some time, you will see a mix of labels- "Hewlett-Packard", "Agilent Technologies" and "Philips" on the HSG products.

It is important to understand that upon the sale of the HSG assets, our products will still be designed and manufactured by the *same* people, in the *same* locations using the *same* processes and equipment. Similarly, the change in brandnames will have no effect on the quality of our products and services and how they are delivered.

The Quality Systems at these sites are certified for compliance with international Quality System standards. The accredited certification bodies, TUV Product Service and VDE which provide these certifications, confirm that the change in ownership will have no effect other than the company name on Quality System certifications. New "Philips" Quality Systems certificates should be available within a few weeks after the change in ownership, and will then be provided to any regulatory agencies who may need such certificates for the purposes of medical device registrations.



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A Philips or an Agilent representative will contact you in the next few weeks to discuss the manner in which existing Agilent certifications, approvals, permits and the like are to be transferred on (or immediately after) the day that the above-mentioned transaction is closed. We hope that this corporate change will not confuse or cause any concerns to customers or government officials.

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