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**Stryker Expands Waste Management Offerings with
Acquisition of the Assets of Cactus, LLC**

Proven Product Line Targets Controlled Substance Disposal

Kalamazoo, Michigan – Stryker announces the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Cactus, LLC, the manufacturer of the Smart Sink[®], Pharma Lock[®] and Pharma Lock[®] O.R. Controlled Substance Waste Management Systems. This acquisition was sought to provide Stryker’s customers with proven products that facilitate drug diversion prevention and meet the pharmaceutical waste disposal standards.

“Stryker’s Instruments division’s newly formed Surgical Safety business is dedicated to providing our customers with the highest quality devices for proper controlled substance waste management and disposal,” said Nate Miersma, Marketing Director. “This acquisition will allow us to help our customers improve their anti-drug diversion efforts, promote environmentally sustainable disposal practices and ensure their facilities are regulatory compliant.”

Without proper and compliant waste management programs, pharmaceutical disposal could mean simply flushing or dumping medications, which could lead to federal and/or state penalties. This acquisition provides Stryker with an opportunity to improve pharmaceutical waste disposal practices for a safer environment.

The Smart Sink, Pharma Lock and Pharma Lock O.R. Systems have been in the U.S. market under the Cactus name since 2012 and are currently installed in more than 1,300 facilities. The products, which meet or exceed federal waste disposal and tracking standards, will launch as an expansion of Stryker’s Surgical Safety portfolio, effective immediately.

Smart Sink System

The Smart Sink System is a secure disposal container that:

- Captures liquid and solid pharmaceutical waste
- Renders waste unrecoverable and unusable
- Facilitates proper disposal per regulatory guidelines
- Provides visual and audible alerts for added security

Pharma Lock and Pharma Lock O.R. Systems

The Pharma Lock and Pharma Lock O.R. Systems are compact, secure, liquid-only containers that:

- Accept Smart Sink Liquid Cartridges
- Mount to walls, countertops and carts
- Render waste unrecoverable and unusable
- Do not require a power source

“In addition to the regulatory requirements governing pharmaceutical waste disposal, the proper disposal of pharmaceutical waste is something that is vital to a sustainable and healthy environment, which is important for everyone” said Miersma.

About Stryker

Stryker is one of the world’s leading medical technology companies and together with our customers, we are driven to make healthcare better. The Company offers a diverse array of innovative products and services in Orthopaedics, Medical and Surgical, and Neurotechnology and Spine, which help improve patient and hospital outcomes. Stryker is active in over 100 countries around the world.

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