

## **Gebauer Receives FDA Approval for its EpiLift product**

**Neuhausen, Germany – Wednesday, October 06, 2004**– Gebauer Medizintechnik GmbH has received the FDA approval for its EpiLift product which is used for less-invasive Epi-LASIK Eye Surgery.

Since Gebauer has received the CE-Mark in late 2003, more than 1000 Epi-LASIK procedures have successfully been performed with the device in Europe and Asia. The FDA Approval now opens up the important US market for the company.

Gebauer's Managing Director, Steffen Gebauer stated, "We are very pleased to have obtained the FDA's approval for our product. After having had a great success with Epi-LASIK and our product in Europe and Asia, we are now able to bring it to the US ophthalmic surgeons as well. The fact that Epi-LASIK which combines the benefits of both today's state-of-the-art refractive procedures, PRK and LASIK, is so well-received throughout the world makes us feel very enthusiastic as we now enter the US market."

The EpiLift System safely creates a viable epithelial flap in preparation for a subsequent Excimer Laser Treatment. After the Laser treatment the epithelial sheet is replaced to cover the treatment zone. It acts as a natural bandage contact lens and supports a quick recovery process.

There is no cut into the anterior stroma and therefore the cornea's biomechanical structure is preserved. Also, by not cutting into the stroma, most LASIK complications can be avoided.

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*During the past 25 years, Gebauer has gained a wealth of experience in turning new technology ideas into fully developed products that deliver superior and affordable performance. A privately held company based in Neuhausen, Germany, Gebauer brings precision engineering design, component integration, electronics development, software creation and the highest level of quality assurance to its entire medical device manufacturing.*

*All of Gebauer's processes and procedures are subjected to continuous monitoring by a quality assurance system that complies with DIN EN ISO 9000; ISO 13485; RL 93/42 EWG ("MDD"); as well as FDA GMP.*

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