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ORGAN RECOVERY SYSTEMS LIFEPORT KIDNEY TRANSPORTER AWARDED 2004 MEDICAL DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARD

*Groundbreaking Organ Transplant Technology Continues to Receive Honors While
Improving the Lives of Transplant Recipients Worldwide*

CHICAGO, Ill.—May 24, 2004—Today, Organ Recovery Systems, a developer of technologies to improve the quality and quantity of transplantable organs, tissues and cells, announced that its LifePort™ Kidney Transporter has been awarded a Medical Design Excellence Award (MDEA) in the category of “Critical Care and Emergency Products.” *Medical Device & Diagnostic Industry* magazine announced the winners of the 7th annual MDEA competition in the magazine’s April issue. The 2004 Medical Design Excellence Award winners will be honored at a ceremony during the Medical Design & Manufacturing (MD&M) East Conference and Exposition, June 15-17, 2004 at New York City’s Jacob K. Javits Convention Center.

The MDEA is the only award program that exclusively recognizes contributions and advances in the design of medical products. Entries are evaluated on design and engineering features including innovative use of materials, user-related functions that improve healthcare delivery and change traditional medical attitudes or practices, and features that provide enhanced benefits to patients.

Created in collaboration with the award-winning product design firm IDEO, the LifePort Kidney Transporter provides a new high-tech alternative to the conventional static method of organ storage and transportation—a cooler filled with ice. Using the process of perfusion—the passing of chemical solutions through organs to minimize tissue damage—the device gives transplant surgeons more time to transport the organs, ensuring a proper match between donor and recipient.

“The LifePort Kidney Transporter was created to provide a continuum of care for kidneys during the critical time from recovery to transplantation. The design challenge was to

create a device that accomplished this goal and is easily integrated into the transplant environment,” said Organ Recovery Systems President and Chief Executive Officer David Kravitz. “Our design team clearly accomplished this goal, not only because of its recognition by the MDEA panel of judges, but also because LifePort Kidney Transporters are improving the quality of life for transplant recipients around the world.”

Machine perfusion with the LifePort Kidney Transporter holds the promise of increasing the organ pool and improving outcomes. Perfusion has the potential to enable the use of more kidneys and to reduce the number of discarded kidneys. A retrospective review of US kidney transplant data indicates that perfused kidneys function better after transplant than statically stored kidneys. If perfusion was the standard of care nationwide, the resulting combination of more organs and improved outcomes could save the healthcare system more than \$1 billion annually.

About The 2004 Medical Design Excellence Award

The MDEA program is presented by CANON COMMUNICATIONS LLC and sponsored by Avail, DuPont Medical Packaging, The MedTech Group Inc., NuSil, and Putnam Plastics Corp. Full access to the coverage of the awards in the April issue of *MD&DI* is available on-line at www.devicelink.com/mddi. For more information about the Medical Design Excellence Awards—including additional details about the manufacturers and suppliers that created the 2004 MDEA-winning products—visit the MDEA Web site at www.MDEAwards.com or e-mail: mdea@cancom.com.

About Organ Recovery Systems

Organ Recovery Systems is a privately held company developing technologies and services to improve the quality and quantity of organs, tissues, and cells for transplantation. The company’s flagship medical device, the FDA-cleared LifePort™ Kidney Transporter, is a mobile perfusion device that establishes a continuum of organ care spanning the critical time between recovery and transplantation. LifePort devices for the heart, liver and pancreas are in development, and the company is creating methods to improve the preservation and assessment of donated pancreas for improved yield and quality of Islet cells for transplant. The LifePort was named one of the top 100 breakthrough technologies by *Popular Science* in its 2003 Best of What’s New Awards.

Organ Recovery Systems is organized into three operating groups: the Perfusion Services Group helps transplant centers and organ procurement organizations (OPOs) by employing proprietary perfusion techniques for evaluation and therapy of traditional, expanded criteria, and nonheartbeating donor kidneys prior to transplant; the Medical Devices Group develops perfusion-based devices to improve the preservation, assessment, and treatment of organs for transplantation; and the Charleston Research Center develops new technologies for cell and tissue preservation and evaluation while conducting basic and applied research to support the company’s platform of organ therapy products. For more about Organ Recovery Systems visit <http://www.organ-recovery.com>.