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Strategic Agreement Forges Rapid-Respond Solution to Bio-Terror Attack

NORTHRIDGE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--July 13, 2005--Numotech, Inc. today announced that it has signed a national distribution agreement with Airgas Puritan Medical, the nation's largest distributor of medical gases, to serve as the exclusive U.S. oxygen supplier to Numotech, Inc. for its flagship product, the Numobag(TM), a disposable, lightweight, wound-healing device used to deliver Topical Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (THOT)(TM). The Numobag(TM) is an ideal, rapid-response isolation unit for treating serious chemical, radiological or biologically induced wounds in the event of a terrorist attack.

Following the 9/11 World Trade Center attacks, the device was used successfully to treat some of the burn victims. This attracted the attention of the U.S. Government, which soon thereafter awarded the Company a world-wide, five-year federal contract for the sale of the device. The Numobag(TM) is currently used by the military and is being considered by the Department of Homeland Security as a cost-effective addition to its strategic arsenal.

The key ingredient for the application of the Numobag(TM) is the availability of a reliable and plentiful source of high-purity, medical-grade oxygen that can be delivered at specified flow rates.

Airgas Puritan Medical, the nation's largest distributor of packaged medical gases, has nearly 300 medical fill locations nationwide. It operates as a dedicated division within each Airgas regional company, focused on hospitals, home health care providers, physicians' offices and other medical customers.

Dr. Robert Felton, President of Numotech, Inc., noted, "This strategic relationship combines the vast distribution and service capabilities of Airgas with the efficacy of our Numobag(TM) product, greatly enhancing our ability to support key relationships with local, regional and national health care organizations and state and federal government agencies, including the five-year, worldwide federal sales contract."

About Airgas, Inc.

Airgas, Inc. (NYSE: ARG) is the largest U.S. distributor of industrial, medical and specialty gases, welding, safety and related products. Its integrated network of about 900 locations includes branches, retail stores, gas fill plants, specialty gas labs, production facilities and distribution centers. Airgas also distributes its products and services through eBusiness, catalog and telesales channels. Its national scale and strong local presence offer a competitive edge to its diversified customer base. For more information, please visit www.airgas.com.

About Numotech, Inc.

Numotech, Inc. is a premier wound-care company headquartered in Northridge, Calif. Numotech specializes in the research, design, manufacture and marketing of wound-care treatment and prevention products for advanced-stage wounds. Numotech is known for its highly advanced R&D

efforts in collaboration with Sandia National Laboratories. This access to one of the world's premier engineering facilities has resulted in the cost-effective development of quality-engineered products through the commercial adaptation of highly advanced defense-related technology that is revolutionizing wound-care management and treatment. The resulting medical devices are proven first-responder applications for bioterrorism, homeland defense and U.S. military battlefield applications. For more information, please visit www.numotech.com. M.R. Beal & Company, a New York-based investment banking firm, served as Financial Advisor to Numotech in structuring this strategic alliance with Airgas.

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