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In response to surgeon feedback and through enhancement of the non-woven technology platform, the BG Medical – Aspide Medical partnership has produced an FDA 510k cleared Skirted configuration which brings the benefits of SURGIMESH technology to open, minimally invasive (MI) hernia repair procedures. The Skirted configuration builds upon the flexibility of the SURGIMESH XB product line and introduces the concept of a segmented skirt. This provides the surgeon a barrier mesh with minimal contortion and wrinkling during placement and fixation making it easier for the surgeon to produce a high quality repair.

Feedback from initial clinical use found the new XB Skirted configurations to receive a “big thumbs up” with surgeons making comments such as “it was the best piece of mesh I have ever used”. The initial XB Skirted configurations include two smaller round sizes - 7 cm diameter CK-7 and 10 cm diameter CK-10, both with a center suture for umbilical hernias – and two larger oval sizes – 10 x 15 cm OK-1015 and 15 x 22 cm OK-1522 for ventral hernias. Especially when using the larger XB Skirted sizes several surgeons commented that it saved them up to 30 minutes in OR time.

Market response to the XB Skirted product line has been very strong due to the dissatisfaction with existing skirted and pocketed knitted mesh configurations. After initially trialing one of the XB Skirted configurations many new accounts have immediately adopted SURGIMESH technology into their mesh armamentarium. The ease of use of the new XB Skirted product line along with all the existing SURGIMESH XB clinical benefits including softness and flexibility, high healed strength, non-shrinking performance during healing and comfortable long term repairs is proving a powerful combination.

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BG Medical's core competencies include General and Laparoscopic Specialty Surgery, Thoracic, Urogynecologic, Colorectal and other emerging minimally invasive surgical platform applications. For additional information visit BG Medical's website at www.bgmedicaldevice.com

BG Medical is the exclusive US distributor for SURGIMESH and other advanced medical device technologies.

About Aspide Medical

Aspide Medical of St. Etienne, France, celebrating 15 years of healthcare innovation, manufactures thousands of medical devices each year which are distributed worldwide. Aspide Medical's vast expertise in developing

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