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METREX ANNOUNCES NEW METRICIDE OPA PLUS™

New High-Level Disinfectant is Now Available in a Complete Package With *Plus* Performance and *Plus* Value

Orange, Calif. (November 1, 2007) — Metrex Research Corporation introduces MetriCide OPA Plus™ Solution, a new high-level disinfectant to complement the company's industry-leading line of infection-prevention products. Effective for use in both manual and automated reprocessing, the new *ortho*-phthalaldehyde (OPA) product is a lower-cost alternative, and can process up to 40% more endoscopes per gallon than Cidex® OPA.¹ Additionally, Metrex introduces MetriCide OPA Plus™ Solution Test Strips, which provide a 33% faster reading time compared to other OPA test strips.¹

Through December 31, 2008, Metrex is offering a "Super-Value *Plus* Package" at no extra charge in each case of MetriCide OPA Plus™ Solution ordered.² Along with the four 1-gallon bottles of MetriCide OPA Plus™ Solution contained in the case, the Super-Value *Plus* Package includes 100 MetriCide OPA Plus™ Solution Test Strips, a 2-ounce sample of EmPower® Dual-Enzymatic Detergent for instrument pre-cleaning, and a test strip log book, all at a price well below what you would expect to pay for just the four gallons of OPA solution.

MetriCide OPA Plus™ Solution is non-corrosive, gentle on endoscopes or other surgical instruments, and provides a broad spectrum of kill including Tuberculosis, Hepatitis A (AER), Hepatitis B, HIV-1 and Polio Virus Type 1. Exceptionally fast and effective, it disinfects at 25°C in 5 minutes in a legally marketed automatic endoscope reprocessor and at room temperature (20°C) in 12 minutes with manual reprocessing. This faster turnaround ensures greater staff productivity and instrument throughput, especially important in high-volume situations. MetriCide OPA Plus™ Solution does not require activation or dilution and may be reused for up to 14 days (when monitored according to label instructions for use).

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“When our customers speak, we listen,” says Metrex President Todd Norbe. “They asked for an OPA alternative at a better value and we have responded. This product not only offers enhanced performance, but major cost savings with our Super-Value *Plus* Package. With our reputation for superior customer service and high-quality infection-prevention brands such as MetriCide[®], CaviCide[®], VioNexus[®], CaviWipes[™] and EmPower[®], MetriCide OPA Plus[™] Solution effectively positions Metrex as a true one-stop shop for ‘Protecting People’ across all disinfectant categories and infection-prevention needs.”

About Metrex Corporation

Metrex Research Corporation is a subsidiary of Sybron Dental Specialites. At Metrex, we're all about protecting people by providing high-quality infection-prevention products, including a complete line of pre-cleaners and enzymatic detergents, high-level disinfectants, surface disinfectants, liquid medical waste disposal products, eye protection and hand hygiene products. Our corporate headquarters is located in Orange, California and our state-of-the-art manufacturing facility is in Romulus, Michigan. To contact a Metrex representative, call 800.841.1428 or visit www.metrex.com.

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1. When monitored according to label instructions for use within the 14-day reuse period. Data on file, Metrex Research Corporation.
2. The Super-Value *Plus* Package giveaway expires 12/31/08, and can be altered or cancelled by Metrex Research Corporation without notice at any time.