

CAPABILITIES

Paragon Medical, Inc. announces the addition of process capabilities including *passivation, heat treating and Fluorescent Penetrant Inspection (FPI)*. These capabilities increase Paragon's vertical integration to support continued strong growth in its core instrument and implantable component manufacturing business.

CERTIFICATIONS

Paragon Medical, Inc. was recently re-certified to *ISO 9001:2000*. The audit and certification were provided by NSF-ISR.

Empirical Testing Corp. (ETC) was recently awarded the *ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation* from the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation.

Huron Tool and Cutter Grinding Co. was recently re-certified to *ISO 9001:2000* by Quality Assurance Systems.

Master Metal Engineering, manufacturers of precision components and assemblies for orthopaedic applications, recently successfully completed the upgrade its ISO certification. It is now registered to the *ISO 9001:2000 Standard* through November, 2006.

Stealth Medical Technologies, LLC has received *ISO 9001:2000* status.

Titanium Industries is now *AS9100A and ISO 9001:2000* Certified.

Unique Instruments, Inc. has been upgraded to *ISO 9001:2000* status.

Vulcanium Metals Incorporated has been registered to *ISO 9001:2000* through November 2006.

COLLABORATIONS

Correction: In the Winter 2003 issue of BONEZone we incorrectly referenced Riley Medical as a partner of Precimed. We apologize for our mistake.

FACILITIES

Symmetry Medical opened its *Design & Development Center*, through which dedicated teams with expertise in orthopaedic implants, instruments, cases and trays will partner with customers to help get products to market more quickly.

DOT GmbH has enlarged its thermal spray equipment by purchase of a *Sulzer Vacuum Plasma System "MultiCoat."* The added capacity will allow DOT to expand its services for high precision Titanium plasma spray coating.

Paragon Medical, Inc. has expanded its international presence through a dedicated European operation in Freiburg, Germany. This significant step fortifies Paragon's position as a world leader in the supply of surgical instrument delivery systems, medical instrumentation and implantable components.

RECOGNITIONS

DOT GmbH received CE mark approval for "*BONITmatrix*" resorbable bone graft substitute, designed for dental and maxillofacial applications.

Beere Precision Medical Instruments received patent number 6,679,363 for its ratcheting screwdriver mechanism and patent number 6,640,674 for its *Variable Torque-limiting in-line Driver*.

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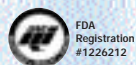


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