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## PRESS RELEASE

Swiss orthopedic surgical instrument manufacturer, **Precimed SA** has opened its new Columbia City, Indiana facility for US production. The parent company, located in Orvin, Switzerland began as the high precision cutting tool division of Swatch watchmaker during the 1970's. The company was spun off as an independent entity in 1988 and was acquired by new management in 1994. Under the leadership of President Patrick Berdoz, and partners André Lechot and John Ayliffe the company opened its US offices in 1998. The US headquarters, under the direction of CEO Patrick White has led Precimed to unparalleled success in company history, doubling revenue every other year between 1998 and 2002. Further expansion took the company to Taipei and Beijing in 2000, and Tokyo in 2001 where sales offices are strategically placed to serve our Asian customers. Precimed is known worldwide for its design, development and manufacture of precision surgical instruments and implants, including several IP properties (copyrighted, patented and trademarked products).

Precimed's new Columbia City, Indiana facility has swung into full gear with production up and running as of May, 2003. The Grand Opening of the facility took place on June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> with a catered event featuring a welcome from President and Chairman of the Board, Patrick Berdoz. Many stopped by to offer support and congratulations including leaders in the orthopedic industry, as well as city, county and state officials.

With the opening of the Indiana facility, Precimed has expanded its capabilities and now comprehensively offers:

milling (up to 6-axis)  
grinding (up to 6-axis)  
turning (up to 20-axis)  
long turning  
laser cutting  
laser welding  
laser marking  
silicone over-molding  
automated passivation

punching/stamping  
sheet metal forming  
EDM  
finishing – full range of surface finishes (MASS, electropolish, glass bead blast, tumble, etc.)  
packaging and labeling  
dock-to-stock

Precimed Indiana offers complete **full-service contract manufacturing**. The plant is located at 4532 Park 30 Drive in Columbia City, Indiana 46725. Additional information is available by calling 260-244-6300.

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DESIGN DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURE OF PRECISION SURGICAL PRODUCTS