

LivaNova Receives Regulatory Approval in Japan for KORA 250

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WORLD'S SMALLEST FULL BODY MRI CONDITIONAL PACING SYSTEM

WITH ITS UNIQUE COMBINATION OF SMALL SIZE, EXTENDED LONGEVITY, AND PROPRIETARY TECHNOLOGIES DESIGNED TO IMPROVE PATIENT OUTCOMES, KORA 250 ENABLES PATIENTS TO UNDERGO FULL BODY MRI SCANS

LONDON, Jan. 28, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- LivaNova, PLC (NASDAQ:LIVN) (LSE:LIVN) (the "Company"), a leading global medical technology company, announced today the approval of its new generation of full body MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) conditional pacemakers by PMDA in Japan. KORA 250 SR and DR pacemakers allow patients to undergo MRI scans on any region of the body.

KORA 250 also features the unique Automatic MRI Mode which makes MRI scans safe for pacemaker patients, automatically detecting the MRI scanner's magnetic field and ensuring appropriate pacemaker operation during the scan. After the scan, the device automatically returns to its initial configuration¹. As a result, unlike other pacing systems, KORA 250 minimizes the amount of time that patients experience MRI mode.

Designed to proactively manage co-morbidities, KORA 250, at only 8cc, offers advanced therapeutic and diagnostic features including:

SafeR, the only algorithm proven to safely reduce unnecessary right ventricular pacing for patients with Atrio-Ventricular block as well as Sinus Node Disease², while extending longevity by 2 years³. SafeR has also been shown to reduce the risk of heart failure and cardiac hospitalization by 51% and the risk of the first onset of atrial fibrillation by 23%⁴.

Sleep Apnea Monitoring (SAM), a clinically validated tool to efficiently screen and monitor patients for severe sleep apnea⁵. Recent studies have highlighted the risks of sleep apnea, a significant co-morbidity associated with atrial fibrillation and heart failure^{6,7,8}.

"In collaboration with our established business partner, Japan Lifeline, we are proud to launch our latest generation of full-body MRI conditional pacemakers in Japan where there is a strong demand for MRI compatible medical devices. KORA 250, with its combination of small size, extended longevity and therapeutic solutions, is an ideal solution for Japanese patients and physicians. With this latest launch, LivaNova is aiming to set a new standard in pacing technology in the Japanese market," said Stefano Di Lullo, President, CRM Business Unit.

About LivaNova

LivaNova PLC, headquartered in London, UK, is a global medical technology company formed by the merger of Sorin S.p.A, a leader in the treatment of cardiovascular diseases, and Cyberonics Inc., a medical device company with core expertise in neuromodulation. LivaNova aims to transform medical innovation into meaningful solutions for the benefit of patients, healthcare professionals, and healthcare systems. The company employs approximately 4,500 employees worldwide. With a presence in more than 100 countries, LivaNova operates as three business units: Cardiac Rhythm Management, Cardiac Surgery, and Neuromodulation, with operating headquarters in Clamart (France), Mirandola (Italy) and Houston (U.S.A.), respectively.

LivaNova is listed on the NASDAQ stock exchange and London Stock Exchange (LSE), under the ticker symbol "LIVN."

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Important factors that may cause actual results to differ include, but are not limited to: risks that the new businesses will not be integrated successfully or that the combined companies will not realize estimated cost savings, value of certain tax assets, synergies and growth, or that such benefits may take longer to realize than expected; the inability of LivaNova to meet expectations regarding the timing, completion and accounting and tax treatments; risks relating to unanticipated costs of integration, including operating costs, customer loss or business disruption being greater than expected; reductions in customer spending, a slowdown in customer payments and changes in customer demand for products and services; unanticipated changes relating to competitive factors in the industries in which the company operates; the ability to hire and retain key personnel; the ability to attract new customers and retain existing customers in the manner anticipated; reliance on and integration of information technology systems; changes in legislation or governmental regulations affecting the company; international, national or local economic, social or political conditions that could adversely affect the company or its customers; conditions in the credit markets; risks to the industries in which LivaNova operates that are described in the "Risk Factors" section of the Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and other documents filed from time to time with the SEC by Cyberonics, Inc. and LivaNova and the analogous section in annual reports and other documents filed from time to time by Sorin S.p.A. with the Italian financial market regulator (CONSOB); risks associated with assumptions made in connection with critical accounting estimates and legal proceedings; LivaNova's international operations, which are subject to the risks of currency fluctuations and foreign exchange controls; and the potential of international unrest, economic downturn or effects of currencies, tax assessments, tax adjustments, anticipated tax rates, raw material costs or availability, benefit or retirement plan costs, or other regulatory compliance costs. The foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive. You should carefully consider the foregoing factors and the other risks and uncertainties that affect the parties' businesses, including those described in Cyberonics' Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended from time to time, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and other documents filed from time to time with the SEC by Cyberonics and LivaNova and those described in Sorin's annual reports, registration documents and other documents filed from time to time with CONSOB by Sorin. LivaNova does not give any assurance (1) that LivaNova will achieve its expectations, or (2) concerning any result or the timing thereof, in each case, with respect to any regulatory action, administrative proceedings, government investigations, litigation, warning letters, consent decree, cost reductions, business strategies, earnings or revenue trends or future financial results.

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