



Healionics Launches iSTAR Medical with Belgian Financial Support *Spinout to develop “next generation” ophthalmic implants with STAR Biomaterial*

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Seattle, WA (October 26, 2010) Biomaterials company Healionics Corporation announces today the financing support for its Belgium-based spinout iSTAR Medical SA from the Region Wallone government. The US\$1.16 million recoverable cash advance will help fund the development of its first human product STARflo™ – a “next generation” implant for glaucoma patients made entirely of STAR® Biomaterial.

STARflo aims to offer a better healing, cost-effective, drainage device for improving intraocular pressure (IOP) management in patients suffering from glaucoma, a progressive eye disease that leads to blindness. There are 60.5 million people worldwide afflicted with glaucoma according to the World Health Organization (WHO). After cataracts, glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness. Global sales of products used to diagnose and treat the disease was just under US\$4.5 billion in 2009.

“This funding allows us to proceed with a European clinical study and CE Mark submission for our leading implant device program – STARflo™ glaucoma implant,” says Michel Alvarez, Healionics CEO and Director General of iSTAR Medical. “We appreciate the support and professionalism of both the Region Wallone and AWEX teams over the past year as we evaluated the mutual benefits of this initial project. We look forward to our continued partnership on future projects.”

About Healionics Corporation

Healionics is a biomaterials technology company whose flagship STAR® Biomaterial aims to solve the historic “device-to-tissue” interface problem of long-term medical implants. Better healing and functioning implants are key to improving patient well-being while reducing the ballooning \$50 billion per year in global healthcare costs attributed to implant failures. STAR Biomaterial has shown promising results in reducing fibrosis, enhancing biointegration, and resisting infection, addressing several common causes for failure of long-term implants. www.healionics.com

About iSTAR Medical:

iSTAR Medical SA is a Belgium-based spinout of Healionics Corporation. Its mission is to improve the lives of patients suffering from eye diseases and disorders. iSTAR’s initial focus is to develop ophthalmic implants made from STAR Biomaterial for treating glaucoma and corneal blindness. www.istarmed.com

About Region Wallone

Region Wallone is the regional government of Wallonia, the predominantly French-speaking southern region of Belgium. It supports the advancement of research, development, and technological innovation. www.wallonie.be

About AWEX

The Walloon Agency for Export and Foreign Investment (AWEX) is the department of the Walloon Region in charge of promoting foreign trade and attracting foreign investment. www.awex.be www.investinwallonia.be

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