

## **PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Machine Solutions Inc. Announces the Launch of New Equipment for Catheter Balloon Pleating & Folding**

**Flagstaff, AZ USA, September 21, 2004 - Machine Solutions Inc.:**

Machine Solutions Inc. (MSI) is pleased to announce the launch of our FFS (form/fold/set) workstation equipment. This equipment will be shown for the first time at the upcoming MEDTEC Exhibition in Galway, Ireland September 29 – 30, 2004 and is available immediately.

The Workstation equipment from MSI is our complete manufacturing solution for pleating and folding PTCA, PTA and/or stent delivery catheters intended for use in a high volume manufacturing environment.

Our FFS workstation technology allows for multiple pleat head configurations on the same station thus eliminating any down time during equipment or fixture changeovers. The Workstation equipment is software controlled working with a bar scan of the process sheet which instructs the software as to which pleat head configuration to use. The WS1100 further automates the process of catheter balloon pleating and folding and has the following process features:

- PC controlled operation.
- Multiple pleat head capability.
- Automated catheter travel between pleat and fold heads.
- Vision assistance for catheter positioning.
- Bar scanning option for process setup.

Machine Solutions Inc. (MSI) is a leading manufacturer and pioneer in providing the medical device community with the premier solution for catheter processing applications. MSI has been instrumental in automating or semi-automating several manual processes within catheter manufacturing organizations. Please visit [www.machinesolutions.org](http://www.machinesolutions.org) for additional corporate and MSI product information.

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