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Parata RDS to Support Kerr Vials

Parata and Kerr Join Forces to Advance Safety and Efficiency in Prescription Filling

Durham, N.C. (Nov. 8, 2004) – Parata Systems, LLC and the Kerr Group, Inc. today announced a recent agreement that will ensure Parata RDS (Robotic Dispensing System) is compatible with Kerr’s line of “friendly & safe” pharmacy vials and closures. As the only robotic dispensing solution to cap prescriptions, Parata RDS must be engineered to accommodate specific capping and closure solutions. Kerr “friendly & safe” pharmacy vials rely on a one-piece cap.

“Kerr’s focus on safety complements our focus on ensuring the best all-round pharmacy customer experience, from fast, efficient prescription preparation to freeing pharmacists to provide enhanced patient care and counsel, to delivering a safe, high-quality vial in which medications are stored,” Pete Klein, vice president, Industry Relations, says.

“Parata shares our commitment to improving the safety and efficiency of delivery for retail pharmacy prescriptions,” Peter A. Siebert, Chief Operating Officer of Kerr, said. “We are pleased to have an opportunity to expand our reach by partnering our leading vial with the leader in pharmacy robotics, Parata.”

Kerr and Parata are actively engaged in design and development engineering, with anticipated availability in early 2005.

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About Parata Systems

Durham, N.C.-based Parata Systems, LLC, brings the power of robotic prescription dispensing to all retail pharmacies. Founded in 2001, Parata's flagship Parata RDS (Robotic Dispensing System) fills a prescription in just 20 seconds, a cycle time that includes selecting and labeling a vial, filling, capping and sorting by patient last name. At just 12-square foot the sleek, compact machine is an easy fit in any pharmacy layout, occupying the space of a single shelving unit. Call, click or visit Parata Systems, www.parata.com, info@parata.com, 1-877-PARATA1 (727-2821).

About Kerr Group, Inc.

Kerr designs and manufactures highly-engineered, proprietary, injection and compression molded plastic closures and containers that incorporate functional features such as child-resistance and tamper-evidence. Kerr is a recognized market leader in technological innovation and proactively works with its customers to design and manufacture closures and containers to serve specific product needs. In the pharmaceutical market, Kerr partners with its customers in designing packaging which meets or exceeds the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration and the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Kerr is majority-owned by Fremont Partners, a San Francisco-based private equity firm www.fremontpartners.com.

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