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Hill-Rom Completes Buyout of Encompass TSS Joint Venture

BATESVILLE, Ind. – December 2, 2010 – Hill-Rom (NYSE: HRC) today announced that it has bought out the minority interest of its Encompass TSS joint venture with Encompass Group.

Encompass TSS, LLC was formed a little over a year ago to focus on the sale and distribution of a comprehensive range of surface replacement systems, combining Hill-Rom's strengths in therapy surface innovation and Encompass' highly regarded family of AccuMax® and MaxiFloat® surfaces. Over the past year, Encompass TSS has made excellent progress in realizing its vision of rapidly penetrating the growing surface replacement segment. The buy-out will allow Hill-Rom to better align its sales channels and fully integrate Encompass TSS products and services, enhancing Hill-Rom's customer experience.

Hill-Rom does not expect the transaction, in which Hill-Rom acquired Encompass Group's 40 percent share of Encompass TSS, giving Hill-Rom 100 percent ownership, to have a material financial impact on its FY2011 outlook.

ABOUT HILL-ROM

Hill-Rom is a leading worldwide manufacturer and provider of medical technologies and related services for the health care industry, including patient support systems, safe mobility and handling solutions, non-invasive therapeutic products for a variety of acute and chronic medical conditions, medical equipment rentals, and information technology solutions. Hill-Rom's comprehensive product and service offerings are used by health care providers across the health care continuum in hospitals, extended care facilities and home care settings to enhance the safety and quality of patient care.

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