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## **Premier and Encision Extend Supplier Agreement for Encision's AEM Surgical Instruments**

BOULDER, Colo., June 17, 2004 -- /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Premier Inc. and Encision Inc. (Amex: ECI) have completed an extension of the Supplier Agreement for Encision's AEM® Laparoscopic Instruments.

Premier Purchasing Partners is a purchasing alliance for 1,500 hospitals and healthcare institutions in 50 states managing the purchasing of more than \$15 billion annually in supplies and equipment. Premier hospitals represent over 20% of all surgery in the United States.

Premier and its member hospitals are committed to the continuing improvement of patient care delivery. An essential element of advancing this core objective is to implement technology that noticeably improves the quality, safety and outcome of patient care. By awarding contracts to these technologies, Premier provides member hospitals better access to new and emerging patient safety products.

"This Agreement allows Premier hospitals affordable access to Encision's AEM technology, thereby advancing patient safety in minimally-invasive surgery," stated James A. Bowman, President & CEO of Encision Inc. "Premier has shown initiative in advancing patient safety in surgery and, with the extension of this Agreement, Premier hospitals can have a smooth procurement process for Encision's technology."

The Supplier Agreement is extended through June 30, 2005.

Encision's AEM Laparoscopic Instruments are uniquely designed to address a well-documented patient safety risk in surgery. AEM technology has been recommended and endorsed by sources from all groups surrounding minimally-invasive surgery (MIS). Surgeons, nurses, biomedical engineers, the medicolegal community, malpractice insurance carriers and electrosurgical device manufacturers advocate the use of AEM instruments to advance patient safety in MIS.

Premier Inc. is a strategic alliance in U.S. healthcare, entirely owned by more than 200 of the nation's leading hospital systems and affiliated with 1,500 healthcare facilities in 50 states. Premier provides an array of resources supporting healthcare delivery including comprehensive supply chain management services and group purchasing for more than \$15 billion annually in supplies and equipment. For more information, visit [www.premierinc.com](http://www.premierinc.com).

Encision Inc. designs and manufactures innovative surgical devices that allow the surgeon to optimize technique and patient safety during a broad range of surgical procedures. Based in Boulder, Colorado, the Company pioneered the development of patented AEM® Laparoscopic Instruments to improve electrosurgery and reduce the chance for patient injury in minimally invasive surgery.

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