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UNITED THERAPEUTICS SUBSIDIARY CONTRACTS WITH INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

Melbourne, FL, January 4, 2002 – Medcomp, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of United Therapeutics Corporation (NASDAQ: UTHR) announced today that it has been awarded a contract to supply cardiac monitoring equipment to the International Space Station. Founded in Florida in 1981, Medcomp specializes in providing proprietary cardiac event and Holter telemedicine services throughout the United States.

For the International Space Station project, Medcomp will supply its new generation of Holter Monitors utilizing its patented DIOGENES™ algorithm and its flagship EPICARDIA® system. Medcomp's new Holter Monitor is a pager-sized ECG computer worn by a patient for 24 hours while going about his or her daily activities.

"It especially makes me proud to see United Therapeutics contributing in such a meaningful way to America's technological leadership," said Martine Rothblatt, Chairman and CEO of United Therapeutics.

"We are elated to continue with our proud history in the Space Program," said Ricardo A. Balda, Chairman and CEO of Medcomp. "This project will allow us to further develop advanced technology which will also be utilized in our telemedicine services on earth."

In 1994, Medcomp was selected to provide the joint Russian and French space programs with the systems for ECG monitoring of cosmonauts as they lived and worked in the Mir Space Station. It was this equipment that detected Cosmonaut Commander Tsibliev's cardiac arrhythmia (irregular heart beat) while aboard the Mir.

"We are pleased to partner once again with a company that has established an excellent record of performance and reliability in the space program," said Didier Cauquil, Program Manager for the CARDIOLAB physiological system of CNES, the French space agency. CARDIOLAB is a cooperative project between CNES and DLR, the German space agency.

The cardiac equipment is being acquired for DLR by the company Astrium, Friedrichshafen - Germany, to be deployed in the European module of the International Space Station.

United Therapeutics is a biotechnology company focused on combating cardiovascular, infectious and oncological diseases with unique therapeutic products.

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