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## Tryton Medical Receives CE-mark for the Left Main Indication Tryton Medical first & only coronary bifurcation stent indicated for Left Main

**Durham, N.C.** – February 13, 2014 – Tryton Medical, Inc., the leading developer of stents designed to treat bifurcation lesions, announced that it has received CE Mark for the treatment of Left Main Coronary artery disease. With this approval, Tryton Medical becomes the first company to earn a CE Mark for this indication.

Left main disease, an accumulation of plaque that narrows the base of the coronary tree, is a persistent challenge in interventional cardiology, as more than 75 percent of left main lesions are bifurcations. There are approximately 200,000 cardiac surgeries performed in left main annually.

'A predictable and safe outcome is essential for the treatment of this high-risk population. The Tryton Side Branch stent provides the necessary control in each step of the procedure," said Dr. Robert-Jan van Geuns, M.D., Ph.D., of Erasmus MC (Rotterdam, the Netherlands). "With the launch last summer of the Tryton SHORT stent, the expansive range of Tryton stents allows me to definitively treat the vast majority of my left main bifurcation lesions cases with a predictable procedure and durable result.

"Tryton Medical is dedicated to the treatment of all coronary bifurcations. Obtaining CE-mark approval for the left main indication significantly expands the market opportunity for our stent platform", said Shawn McCarthy, CEO of Tryton Medical. "As market leaders, we continue to invest and introduce meaningful product innovation, clinical evidence, and physician education, to advance the standard of care for bifurcated coronary artery disease".

The Tryton Side Branch Stent is commercially available in Europe and parts of the Middle East, is investigational in the US, and is not available in Japan.

## **About Coronary Bifurcation Disease**

Coronary artery disease often results in the buildup of plaque at the site of a bifurcation, where one artery branches from another. Current approaches to treating these lesions are time consuming and technically difficult. As a result, the side branch is often left unstented, leaving it vulnerable to higher rates of restenosis, the re-narrowing of the stented vessel following implantation.

**About Tryton Medical, Inc.** 

Tryton Medical, Inc., located in Durham, N.C., is the leading developer of novel stent systems for the treatment of bifurcation lesions. The company was founded in 2003 by Aaron V. Kaplan, M.D. (professor of medicine at Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth/Dartmouth- Hitchcock Medical Center) and Dan Cole, General Partner at Spray Ventures. Privately held, Tryton is backed by PTV Sciences, RiverVest Venture Partners, Spray Venture Partners, and the 3x5 Special Opportunity Fund. For more information please visit www.trytonmedical.com and follow the company on Twitter at @TrytonMedical1.