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ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY CELEBRATES ANTICIPATED OPENING OF CLEBURNE SURGICAL CENTER

BRENTWOOD, TENN. – May 18, 2007 – In anticipation of the opening of Cleburne Surgical Center, Meridian Surgical Partners, Candor Surgical Development, and local physician partners hosted a celebration event at the construction site on May 17. Guests included local physicians and city officials. Cleburne Surgical Center is scheduled to open in August 2007. Cleburne, Texas is approximately 30 miles south of Fort Worth and 50 miles southwest of Dallas.

Cleburne Surgical Center is an 8,000 square foot multi-specialty ambulatory surgery center located within a newly constructed 26,000 square foot medical office building. Upon completion, the center will have two operating rooms, one procedure room, four pre-operative bays and six post-operative bays, with one for isolation. The center is designed for optimum patient flow – and maximum patient privacy while meeting all code requirements for state licensure.

The center will initially focus on performing outpatient orthopaedic, ophthalmology, general surgery and pain management procedures, with plans to add other specialties in the future.

“Celebrating the future opening of the Cleburne Surgical Center is a huge milestone for Meridian as well as for the city of Cleburne. We are very excited about this partnership and the opportunity to develop an efficient and cost-effective option for outpatient surgery in Cleburne. We look

forward to the opening and future growth of the center,” said David F. “Buddy” Bacon, Jr., chief executive officer of Meridian Surgical Partners.

About Meridian Surgical Partners

Meridian Surgical Partners is an ambulatory surgery center company focused on partnering with physicians to reach the highest level – the meridian – of a joint venture opportunity. Meridian partners with physicians and other healthcare providers in the development, acquisition and management of ambulatory surgery centers and surgical hospitals throughout the United States.

Founded by veterans of the healthcare industry with the vision of creating a superior model for outpatient surgery, Meridian Surgical Partners is headquartered in Brentwood, Tennessee, approximately 15 miles south of Nashville.

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