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EASTLAND GETS GREEN LIGHT ON P.A.P. TECHNOLOGY GLOBAL PATENTS

The Directors of Eastland Medical Systems Ltd (Eastland) are pleased to announce the results of the examiners preliminary worldwide patent search reported to the company's patent attorney's. These reports confirm the ground breaking nature of Eastland's P.A.P (Precision Angular Presentation) needle grinding technology and have revealed **no** challengers to the 39 prior art claims that support the patents.

"This is a most exciting development in the Company's patent protection applications and virtually ensures the patents for P.A.P will be granted worldwide," Eastland's CEO Mr Don O'Sullivan said today. The Company will now rapidly progress to full patent grant for the major world markets including the U.S.A., Australia and Europe.

Mr O'Sullivan went on to say that credit must be given to the Company's project technical team Mr Philip Bunce (Project Manager and concept) and Mr Iain White (technical designer).

This revolutionary technology will now proceed to commercialisation without fear of patent challenges from competitors. Until confirmation of this critical patent examiner's report, the Company had refrained from entering contractual obligations relating to PAP technology. The Company will now fast track negotiations with a number of interested parties including several major organisations involved in the manufacturing and sale of needle devices. Medical applications for P.A.P technology extend far beyond hypodermic needles and include the manufacture of a number of micro-surgical tools.

The P.A.P grinding process also has far reaching applications in many industries where precision grinding of components is required including the aircraft and engine component industries. Eastland has recently lodged provisional patent applications providing protection for PAP use in these industries.

The Company plans to provide an initial public exhibition of the P.A.P needle grinding technology in June. This will clearly demonstrate the significant commercial benefits of this technology when compared with current needle production methods.

The Directors are delighted with the rapid progress being made in finalising the Company's revolutionary needle manufacturing technology and commercialisation, and expect the project to be completed and commence deliveries of the first products produced by P.A.P, including the Company's range of safe needle products, later this year.

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