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Boston Scientific Announces Japanese Approval for TAXUS® Liberte® Drug-Eluting Stent System

Product is Japan's first second-generation drug-eluting stent

NATICK, Mass., Jan. 28 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Boston Scientific Corporation announced today that it has received approval from the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (MHLW) to market its TAXUS® Liberte® Paclitaxel-Eluting Coronary Stent System. The Company plans to launch the product as soon as reimbursement approval is granted, which is expected in the coming weeks.

TAXUS Liberte is the only second-generation drug-eluting stent approved for use in Japan. Design improvements over the Company's first-generation TAXUS® Express2™ Stent include thinner struts to allow better stent deliverability and conformability, as well as a more uniform stent geometry for consistent lesion coverage and drug distribution.

"The TAXUS Liberte Stent is the latest advance in drug-eluting stent technology for Japan," said Donald Baim, M.D., Chief Medical and Scientific Officer of Boston Scientific. "Its safety and efficacy have been well demonstrated in multiple clinical studies and years of clinical use."

"We are very pleased with this approval, which provides access to proven technology to Japanese physicians and their patients," said Jim Tobin, President and Chief Executive Officer of Boston Scientific. "We are committed to continuing to provide the most innovative products and therapies to the Japanese market."

The TAXUS Liberte Stent uses proven paclitaxel-eluting technology, which has been evaluated by the industry's most extensive randomized, controlled clinical trial program, and studied in 35,000 real-world patients enrolled in post-approval registries. More than 4.6 million TAXUS Stent Systems have been implanted globally.

The TAXUS Liberte Stent will replace the TAXUS Express2 Stent, which was launched in Japan in May 2007. It has been approved for sale in the United States, Europe and other international markets.

Boston Scientific is a worldwide developer, manufacturer and marketer of medical devices whose products are used in a broad range of interventional medical specialties. For more information, please visit: http://www.bostonscientific.com.

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