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KINETIC MUSCLES, INC. RECEIVES R&D 100 AWARD

Tempe, AZ – July 6, 2004 – Kinetic Muscles, Inc (KMI) received an R&D 100 Award for its hand therapy device (called the Hand Mentor™) released in March 2003. This proprietary medical device is based on active repetitive motion that helps stroke survivors regain hand function and independence. KMI devices facilitate stroke therapies based on new concepts that have shown the brain has the ability to rewire and repair itself (called neuroplasticity). Earlier this year KMI received a Medical Design Excellence Award from Cannon Communications. The R&D 100 Awards competition is sponsored by R&D Magazine and recognizes the 100 most technologically significant products introduced into the marketplace over the past year. Entries are evaluated on their ability to change people's lives for the better, improve the standard of living for large numbers of people, save lives, promote good health or clean up the environment.

“Winning one of the prestigious R&D 100 Awards is another acknowledgment of the scientific basis and innovative product design of KMI products. We are honored to receive this R&D 100 Award. It really challenges our team to continue to develop economical and effective therapy delivery. Our mission is to help people with neurological injuries improve their function and quality of life by delivering innovative products for clinic and home use,” said Edward Koeneman, Co-Founder of KMI. “The Hand Mentor™ is now being used in several healthcare clinics and is being used at home by patients in seven states.”

Stroke is the leading cause of adult disability in the United States. There are approximately 590,000 stroke survivors each year and 4.5 million people with residual disability as a result of their stroke. KMI devices can improve the quality of life for both groups of patients.

The 2004 R&D 100 Awards winners will be honored at the 42nd annual formal Black Tie Awards Banquet October 14, 2004 in the Grand Ballroom of Chicago's Navy Pier.

KMI, located in Tempe, Arizona, was awarded two Small Business Innovation and Research grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), was one of the Governor's Fast Program Grant Award winners, with Arizona State University (ASU) and Banner Health System received a 3-year development contract from NIH to extend the hand technology to a low cost therapy robot for upper extremity neurological rehabilitation, and was the first graduate of the ASU Tehnopolis Launch Pad program.

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