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Microflex XCEED®--First Certified Ergonomic Disposable Examination Glove

October 9th 2011– **Microflex** Corporation (Lake Forest, IL), a subsidiary of BarrierSafe Solutions International® (BSSI), a leading provider of latex and synthetic barrier protection products, is excited to announce that XCEED® nitrile disposable examination gloves are the first glove to receive an ergonomic certification.

In a comprehensive study completed by U.S. Ergonomics, the leader in ergonomic testing and certifications in the US, XCEED® gloves showed a marked reduction in muscle effort compared to a leading competitive glove, when performing various manipulations. More impressive, XCEED® gloves outperformed bare-hands requiring less muscle effort during the same manipulations.

“Reducing muscle exertion can have a significant positive impact for disposable examination glove wearers as there is a link between prolonged hand fatigue and the development of Carpal Tunnel Syndrome as well as other hand injuries. These conditions are painful, reduce productivity and can shorten working careers especially in occupations where wearing disposable examination gloves is an essential requirement including dentists, hygienists, healthcare workers, scientists, etc. The number of people impacted by hand fatigue is staggering. It is estimated that over 50% of dental professionals have reported experiencing hand fatigue” said Mike Schoen—Sr. Market Manager Medical Markets.

“Since our initial launch of XCEED® earlier this year, end-user adoption has been absolutely phenomenal—making XCEED® the most successful new product launch in the history of Microflex. Part of that success is attributed to the combination of unparalleled comfort, leading barrier protection, strength and value that XCEED® delivers” said Kathy Zanzucchi, Director of Marketing.

XCEED® is exclusively made with **Avantex™**, a proprietary formulation developed by Microflex, which delivers outstanding strength with comfort rivaling natural latex. The combination of Avantex™ polymer technology and state of the art manufacturing techniques delivers exceptionally consistent gloves with the lowest pinhole rates in the industry. XCEED® gloves have set the standard with pinhole rates that are nearly 75% below the already stringent level set by the FDA for examination gloves, and more than 50% lower than the FDA allowable levels set for surgical gloves.

To learn more about XCEED® gloves, or any other high quality Microflex® product, please contact Mike Schoen—Sr. Market Manager @ mschoen@microflex.com or visit www.microflex.com/XCEED.

For more than 20 years Microflex has been recognized as a quality leader among hand protection providers in the Dental, Healthcare, Laboratory, Industrial Safety, Automotive, EMS and Law and Corrections markets.

BSSI is a leading developer and marketer of branded disposable barrier protection and related products. The Company offers an extensive selection of high quality disposable gloves and other specialized products for a diverse range of growing markets including dental, laboratory, emergency medical services, healthcare, automotive, critical environment, general industrial, and foodservice segments, in which branding, quality and innovation are key differentiators that drive end-user demand and loyalty.