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BMDI TUTA STRENGTHENS BOARD & MANAGEMENT TEAM

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- Appoints Dr. Geoffrey Cumming as Non-Executive Director
 - Michael Neville promoted to Chief Operating Officer
 - Appoints Michael Jones as General Manager, Corporate Innovation
 - Acquisitions and other growth opportunities pending
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Sydney, January 22, 2009: Medical technology company BMDI TUTA (ASX: BMI) has strengthened its Board with the appointment of an experienced health care professional, Dr. Geoffrey Cumming, as a Non-Executive Director.

Dr. Cumming brings significant healthcare sector expertise to the BMDI TUTA Board. He has worked in the biotechnology, medical and healthcare markets for over 30 years, and has extensive M&A, government and healthcare regulatory experience. Dr. Cumming worked as Managing Director, Oceania, for Roche Diagnostic Systems and is currently Chairman of Sienna Cancer Diagnostics.

The company also announced that it has created two new senior management positions, appointing Michael Neville as Chief Operating Officer and Michael Jones as General Manager, Corporate Innovation.

Michael Neville has a history of achievement in the healthcare industry and an in-depth knowledge of medical devices. Having held senior management positions in Datex-Ohmeda / GE Healthcare, he was most recently National Sales Manager for the medical division of Becton Dickinson, before joining BMDI TUTA in 2008. While Michael will continue to focus on driving the sales and marketing functions within the company, he will also take on responsibility for managing the company's day-to-day operations.

Michael Jones' appointment marks an important step in BMDI TUTA's expansion. He is a qualified design engineer who has spent the past 20 years in the production and design of products in the UK and Australia and has extensive R&D and new product development experience. As GM, Corporate Innovation, Michael will work across the BMDI TUTA Group, ensuring that innovation remains a critical management mandate.

BMDI TUTA's Managing Director Gary Lewis said these appointments help to underpin the company's continued expansion.

"Dr. Geoffrey Cumming's appointment is very pleasing and it significantly strengthens the Board's healthcare sector expertise. He is a well-respected industry professional and we welcome him to the Board.



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“The appointments of Michael Neville and Michael Jones reflects the fact that we are now at a stage where we need experienced senior management to support ongoing growth. Both gentlemen have the expertise and knowledge of the company’s operations and have been instrumental in our growth and development to date. Importantly also, the appointment of a senior executive to foster innovation within the company, takes TUTA back to its roots as an innovator in medical plastics and associated devices.”

Mr. Lewis said the company continues to post strong sales and is on the lookout for other growth opportunities. “We have established our manufacturing arrangements offshore which give us greater critical mass and the ability to satisfy larger orders both in Australia and overseas. The pipeline of tendering opportunities is robust and we have been aggressive in building our presence as a leading niche medical safety device company.

“As we have previously stated, the company continues to assess growth opportunities, and we currently have a number of acquisitions and joint ventures under consideration. We will update shareholders in the near future on our progress.”

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