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CARBOMEDICS  
COBE CARDIOVASCULAR  
DIDECO  
ELA MEDICAL  
BELLCO-SOLUDIA  
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SORIN BIOMEDICA  
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Dear Customer:

As a result of the integration of COBE Cardiovascular, CarboMedics and Ela Medical into Sorin Group, you may have noticed Sorin Group logos appearing in our tradeshow exhibits, literature and even product labelling. It is our intention to create—over time—a single, recognizable brand for leading-edge research and development, high quality manufacturing and distribution, and outstanding service and support—all focused on delivering the best solutions in cardiac care.

In support of our corporate identity and the emerging global branding strategies, we will also change the legal entity name for COBE Cardiovascular. Effective January 1, 2007, COBE Cardiovascular, Inc. will become Sorin Group USA, Inc. The new name will appear on all USA business communications such as invoices, packing slips, proposals and marketing materials.

We may be refining our brands, but we're not changing our commitment to providing outstanding products and the highest level of service to our customers. As part of Sorin Group, a financially strong international company, our customers will benefit from the expertise of our team, the breadth of our innovations, and our organization-wide focus on cardiac surgery and rhythm management.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact your sales representative. You can also call our customer service team toll free at 800 221-7943. Thank you for your business and continued support.

Kind regards,

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