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SEMPRUS BIOSCIENCES CEO ELECTED TO ADVAMED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CAMBRIDGE, MA – (March 08, 2011) – Semprus BioSciences today announced the election of its Chief Executive Officer David L. Lucchino to the Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed) Board of Directors. AdvaMed, based in Washington, D.C., is the world’s largest trade association, representing approximately 400 of the world’s leading medical device and diagnostics manufacturers.

AdvaMed advocates for a legal, regulatory and economic environment that advances global health care by assuring worldwide patient access to the benefits of medical technology. The Association promotes policies that foster the highest ethical standards, rapid product approvals, appropriate reimbursement, and international market access – and is committed to giving emerging growth companies an active voice among the world’s leading medical technology firms. These companies, most with less than 100 employees, are in the highly competitive business of creating constant progress through constant innovation, according to AdvaMed, and generate 28% of the industry’s R&D spending.

In his role as Board member, Mr. Lucchino will serve on AdvaMed’s International Policy Committee, where he will contribute to its mission of improving market access and promoting the value of medical technology, especially in Japan, Germany, France and the UK. He is also a member of the Emerging Company Issues subcommittee of AdvaMed’s 2011 Medtech Conference in September.

“We are pleased to have David join the Board. His knowledge and experience will help us promote pro-growth policy solutions that advance innovation and patient care in the U.S. and around the world,” said Stephen J. Ubl, President and CEO of AdvaMed. “We are particularly pleased to have another voice for emerging growth companies on the Board.”

“Innovating solutions to address substantial unmet medical needs is something that emerging growth firms do particularly well,” said Mr. Lucchino. “AdvaMed fulfills a critical leadership role as an innovation champion for companies of all sizes, and I’m thankful for the opportunity to be part of the team at the forefront of the association’s operations.”

About Semprus BioSciences

Semprus BioSciences is a venture-funded biomedical company designing new tools for clinicians and patients to reduce the 56,000 annual U.S. deaths and more than \$11 billion cost of infection- and thrombus-related complications¹ that arise when vascular access products are implanted in the body. These products

are components of the Semprus Platform, a single-surface modification designed to reduce the attachment of bacteria, fungus, platelets and blood proteins to an implanted medical device. The company spun out of the labs of biomedical researcher and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Professor Robert Langer, Sc.D., in 2007.

In December 2010, the company completed an \$18 million Series B financing co-led by SR One, the corporate venture capital arm of GlaxoSmithKline, and Foundation Medical Partners (FMP), a national healthcare venture capital investment firm with a strategic relationship with Cleveland Clinic. Combined with previous financing rounds, Semprus has raised a total of \$28.5 million in equity.

Visit <http://www.semprusbio.com> for additional information.

Semprus BioSciences won Frost & Sullivan's
"2010 North American Enabling Technology of the Year Award
for Surface in Functionalization Technologies" for its
Semprus Platform in December 2010.

Semprus BioSciences was selected as one of
"50 Companies to Watch"
by Medical Devices & Diagnostics Industry magazine in
June 2010.

1 *Journal of Wound Care, February 2010 (Wilcott et al.), Chronic Wounds and the Medical Biofilm Paradigm.*