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**BERCHTOLD Corporation Announces Launch of the new OPERON® D 850 Surgical Table**

January 02, 2007 (Charleston, SC) BERCHTOLD Corporation ([www.berchtoldusa.com](http://www.berchtoldusa.com)) announces the launch of the new OPERON D 850 Surgical Table.

Two years in development, BERCHTOLD's OPERON D 850 is the company's most advanced and feature-rich surgical table and a new standard for technology in the operating room. The OPERON D 850 offers best-in-class range of vertical travel featuring both the lowest (22.6") and highest (46.4") table height in the general surgical table market. Further, the OPERON D 850 exceeds specialty application tables with 1000 lb lift **and** articulation throughout its entire range of motion accommodating nearly all surgical disciplines. Increased patient positioning options translate into greater comfort, productivity and safety for the surgical team.

The OPERON D 850 delivers cost savings by eliminating the need for costly and cumbersome x-ray tops with its integrated x-ray channel. Further efficiencies are realized by the ease of patient imaging with its 17" of longitudinal slide providing up to 56" of imaging access. The industry's only carbon fiber tabletop offers enhanced image clarity and superior patient support.

Designed with low-light surgical environments in mind, the OPERON D 850's advanced hand pendant offers a back-lit, easy-to-read keypad for precise patient positioning.

The OPERON D 850 is compatible with a full line of BERCHTOLD and third party accessory products.

BERCHTOLD Corporation's President, Ric Rumble, states "We are pleased to introduce this new product! The OPERON D 850 takes simplicity, performance and efficiency to a new level by offering entire body imaging in a fully-automated table. The table boasts the best height range on the market in combination with 1000 lb patient weight capacity. Simply put, the OPERON D 850 is the finest general purpose 'specialty' table on the market."

BERCHTOLD Corporation's Technical Support team provides unmatched service support utilizing only factory trained, dedicated service technicians. In addition to our standard warranty program we offer preventative maintenance agreements and extended warranty programs.

Founded in 1922 in Tuttlingen, Germany, BERCHTOLD Corporation's North American headquarters are located in Charleston, SC where the company designs, manufactures and assembles products and technologies including SUPERSUITE® Custom Surgical Environments, CHROMOPHARE® Surgical Lights, OPERON® Surgical Tables and TELETOM® Equipment Management Systems.