

## **PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Machine Solutions Inc. Announces the Launch of Next Generation Equipment for Crimping Drug Eluting Stents**

**Flagstaff, AZ USA, May 23, 2005 - Machine Solutions Inc.:**

Machine Solutions Inc. (MSI) is pleased to announce the European launch of our next generation equipment for crimping drug eluting stent products at the MEDTEC Conference and Exhibition in Galway Ireland September 28 - 29, 2005.

The new equipment integrates a thin walled film into our proprietary crimping technology that will provide the following features:

- Automated feeding of protective film eliminates need to sheath product prior to crimping.
- Protective film maintains integrity of stent polymer and drug coatings.
- Elimination of cross contamination between crimps and lots.

The new MSI SC775S stent crimping equipment is controlled via servo motor and PLC user interface and will drive our new crimp technology. The SC775S provides controlled thermal crimping energy to further improve stent profiles and stent edge protection. The SC775S stent crimping equipment features additional process controls and automation options that maximize operator efficiency and streamline product handling compared to our standard stent crimping equipment.

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Machine Solutions Inc. is a leading manufacturer and pioneer in providing the medical device community with the premier solution for stent crimping, balloon processing applications, marker band swaging and catheter & stent testing applications. The patented MSI proprietary segmental crimping mechanism delivers some of the most uniform and secure compression and folding technology available today. Please visit [www.machinesolutions.org](http://www.machinesolutions.org) for additional corporate and MSI product information.