

## MicroVention Receives U.S. Patent

ALISO VIEJO, Calif.—(BW HealthWire)—May 6, 2002—MicroVention, Inc., a leading developer, manufacturer and marketer of minimally invasive treatments for cerebral vascular diseases, announced today the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has awarded the company U.S. Patent No. 6,375,669 for its unique endovascular detachment system. This patent is applicable for the controlled release of embolic devices by catheter-based approaches.

“This is a core patent for the company and represents a significant addition to our patent portfolio,” said Bob Rosenbluth, Ph.D., President & CEO of MicroVention. “The patent supports the company’s proprietary HydroLink(TM) detachment system which utilizes micro-fluidic technology to provide a simple, fast and reliable detachment system for embolic devices. The HydroLink system is utilized in our MicroPlex Coil System that was recently launched in the U.S. and Europe and the reception by interventional physicians of the HydroLink system has been very positive.”

Endovascular embolization is one of the most rapidly growing vascular markets for medical technology. The company estimates the worldwide market for endovascular devices for the treatment of cerebral aneurysms will grow from approximately \$150 million annually to over \$500 million within the next several years. MicroVention sells its products through its own direct sales force in the United States, France and Germany and through distributors in various other countries.

### About MicroVention, Inc.

Microvention, Inc. ([www.microvent.com](http://www.microvent.com)) is a privately held medical device company dedicated to the development and commercialization of new catheter-based technologies for the endovascular treatment of peripheral and cerebral vascular diseases. The company recently received 510(k) clearance and CE Mark for its first product, the Microplex Coil System, and is in clinical evaluation of the HydroCoil Embolization System, its next generation endovascular coil system designed to treat cerebral aneurysms.