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Volume Interactions to Officially Launch Dextroscope®
at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons
*Satellite Symposium Planned on the Practical Application of 3D Virtual Reality for
Neurosurgical Planning*

Princeton, N.J., April 6, 2006 – Volume Interactions, a member of the Bracco Group, will launch its innovative Dextroscope® virtual reality system for neurosurgical planning at the upcoming annual meeting of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS), to be held in San Francisco, California, April 22-27, 2006. The Dextroscope is designed to provide interactive virtual reality 3D visualization for applications in surgical planning and evaluation, providing deeper understanding of complex anatomical relationships and pathology.

Highlighting the launch will be a Satellite Symposium, *New Dimensions in Medical Imaging: The Role of Virtual Reality in Neurosurgery*. It will feature interactive 3D clinical case presentations by leading neurosurgeons, illustrating the practical application of virtual reality to neurosurgical planning. The Satellite Symposium will take place on Tuesday April 25 at the San Francisco Marriott, 55 Fourth Street, San Francisco, CA. On-site registration is 5:30 PM and the symposium is 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

By integrating tomographic images from CT and MRI into true 3D volumetric objects that can be viewed stereoscopically, Dextroscope allows surgeons to work inside patient-specific images, adjusting and interacting with them as necessary. Dextroscope's 6D controller and stylus work as extensions of the surgeon's hands, providing the ability to interact with patient images. Dextroscope redefines communication and collaboration by facilitating surgical and interventional planning, referral, documentation and review.

"We can look at the brain or spine from any angle that we want, either in two dimensions or in three dimensions," said Michael Schulder, MD, Vice Chairman of the Department of Neurological Surgery, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School. "We can rotate the model any way we want. And it's really like holding an actual model of a brain or a spine in your hand – except in this particular case, it's of a particular person. It's of the patient who's about to undergo surgery."

"Dextroscope must be experienced to be believed" said Joe Balogh, General Manager, Volume Interactions USA. "Being able to easily and intuitively visualize and interact with your patient's imaging data in true stereoscopic 3D is a unique experience. It literally adds a new dimension to surgical planning and medical education."

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Following AANS, Volume Interactions will further its Dextroscope launch initiative at the Society for Computer Applications in Radiology (SCAR) annual meeting in Austin, Texas, April 27-30.

For further information on the Dextroscope and Volume Interactions' virtual reality technology, please visit www.dextroscope.com. To register for the symposium at AANS on-line, please visit www.dextroscope.com/AANS.htm.

About Volume Interactions

Volume Interactions Pte Ltd develops highly interactive stereoscopic 3D visualization systems for neurosurgical and interventional planning, advanced diagnostics and medical education. Based on proprietary virtual reality technology, the Dextroscope allows physicians to analyze 3D multi-modality imaging data with speed, comfort and precision. Volume Interactions provides synergistic solutions to the imaging technologies of the Bracco Group.

About Bracco

The Bracco Group is a world leading provider of global diagnostic imaging solutions, with net sales of about 800 million Euros per year. Bracco has operations in 115 countries and about 2,200 employees, around 400 of whom work in R & D. Bracco invests approximately 15% of its annual turnover in R & D and has a portfolio of 1,500 patents worldwide.

The Bracco Group is a leader in the diagnostic imaging market with an integrated product offering from a diverse roster of subsidiary companies. While Bracco is recognized internationally as a definitive market leader in its core business of contrast media, Bracco also markets key diagnostic imaging resources through the following companies: ACIST Medical Systems, a manufacturer of advanced contrast media injection systems and Singapore-based Volume Interactions, which also produces advanced 3D medical software.

Bracco also operates a high-level international research network, with three centers (Milan, Geneva, and Princeton). These centers develop products of the latest-generation diagnostic techniques, from X-ray and computed tomography (CT) to magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and echocontrast.

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