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AMERICAN HEART INSTITUTE RECEIVES FUNDING

Wilmington, DE—Gates and Company is pleased to announce that its client – **American Heart Institute** of Nagpur, Maharashtra, India – received debt financing to support the expansion of its cardiac hospital network in India. The amount and terms of the funding were not disclosed. The funding source, based in Pennsylvania, wishes to remain anonymous for now.

Founded by Dr. Sumita Chowdhury, American Heart Institute is a planned system of specialty hospitals strategically located across India with a mission to develop a global brand in healthcare that will provide cardiovascular, medical, surgical, and preventive services of the highest quality to Indian citizens, non-resident Indians, medical tourists, and visitors.



Dr. Sumita Chowdhury, MD, MPH, FACC is a Harvard-trained cardiologist that was named one of “America’s Top Cardiologists 2006”. She was Founder and CEO of Houston-based Medical Center Heart Institute that grew to over US\$2 million in annual revenue and positive cash flow, and was successfully sold in 2006. Dr. S. Chowdhury is currently pursuing a Masters in Business Administration in the part-time MBA for Executives program at the prestigious Wharton School of Business.

Gates and Company served as an advisor to American Heart Institute and helped negotiate the deal. Additional terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This press release includes statements that are not historical in nature and that may be characterized as "forward-looking statements," including those related to future financial and operating results, benefits and synergies of the company's brands and strategies, future opportunities, and the growth of the market. Actual results could differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements, which are based on current expectations of management and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to: the company's ability to integrate acquired operations and employees; success in executing strategies; ability to take a competitive position in the industry; business conditions and the general economy; market opportunities; potential new business strategies; competitive factors; sales and marketing execution; shifts in technologies or market demand; and other factors. The above-named companies and their funding sources disclaim any intention or obligation to update any forward-looking statements as a result of developments occurring after the date of this press release.

ABOUT AMERICAN HEART INSTITUTE

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ABOUT GATES AND COMPANY

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