

AngioDynamics Comments On Patent Infringement Lawsuit Related To ELVS

QUEENSBURY, N.Y., Tuesday, January 23, 2004 – AngioDynamics, Inc. a wholly owned subsidiary of E-Z-EM, Inc. (Amex: EZM) today announced that Diomed, Inc., a subsidiary of Diomed Holdings, Inc., has filed a lawsuit against the Company in the federal district court in Massachusetts alleging patent infringement related to AngioDynamics' ELVS™ endovascular laser venous system. This system is used for the treatment of severe varicose veins.

The suit involves a single patent, Number 6,398,777, covering the endovascular laser treatment of varicose veins.

“The Company has analyzed the Diomed patent, and has a written opinion of non-infringement from outside patent counsel,” said Eamonn Hobbs, president and chief executive officer of AngioDynamics. “We believe our ELVS product does not infringe the Diomed patent, and we intend to vigorously defend this action.”

About ELVS

The ELVS endovascular laser venous system is a patient friendly, minimally invasive alternative for the treatment of severe varicose veins. The ELVS procedure, which lasts about 45 minutes, offers patients an effective out-patient alternative to surgical ligation and vein stripping. The Company markets and sells the ELVS system throughout the United States.

About AngioDynamics

AngioDynamics, Inc. (www.angiodynamics.com) is a leading supplier of products used by interventional radiologists and other physicians for the minimally invasive diagnosis and therapeutic treatment of peripheral vascular disease.

About E-Z-EM

E-Z-EM, Inc. (www.ezem.com) is a leading supplier of products used by radiologists, gastroenterologists and speech language pathologists for the diagnostic imaging of diseases and disorders of the GI tract, ranging from swallowing disorders (dysphagia) to colorectal cancers. E-Z-EM also is a third-party contract manufacturer of diagnostic contrast media, pharmaceuticals, non-prescription healthcare products, and defense decontaminants.

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