Authorized by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice

-NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION OF THE GUIDANT DEFIBRILLATOR CLASS ACTION-Read this notice carefully as it may affect your legal rights.

THE CLASS ACTION

Contak Renewal 4

This notice is directed to all persons who were implanted in Canada with one of the following Guidant defibrillators (the "Patient Class"):

ICD and CRT-D Model Ventak Prizm 2 DR 1861 (manufactured on or before October 6, 2005) Contak Renewal H135 (manufactured on or before November 24, 2005) Contak Renewal 2 H155 (manufactured on or before November 24, 2005)

2005)

Contak Renewal 4 HE H197 and H199 (manufactured on or before July 12,

2005)

Contak Renewal 4 M170 and M175 (manufactured on or before December

H190 and H195 (manufactured on or before July 12,

AVT 12, 2005) Contak Renewal 4 M177 (manufactured on or before December 12, 2005)

AVT HE

Ventak Prizm AVT

Vitality AVT A135 and A155 (manufactured on or before November

25, 2005)

and their family members (the "Family Class"), jointly the ("Class").

THE CERTIFICATION ORDER

On April 10, 2008, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice certified the action LeFrancois et al. v. Guidant Corporation et al., court file no. 05-CV-292387CP as a class proceeding and appointed Adrien LeFrancois, Sally Anne Georgiu, Cynthia Ann Quenneville, and Margaret Adella Fitzgeorge as the representative plaintiffs of the Patient Class and George Georgiu, Robert Quenneville, and William Fitzgeorge as the representative plaintiffs of the Family Class defined as family members who are entitled to assert a claim pursuant to the Family Law Act of Ontario or the equivalent legislation in the other provinces and territories.

Certification means that the action may proceed to trial as a class action involving, among other things, claims for damages for negligence and conspiracy relating to Guidant's manufacture and sale of the above defibrillators.

Certification is a preliminary procedural matter and does not involve any finding by the court that the claims, or the allegations of fact on which they are based including allegations of health risks associated with the defibrillators - have any validity. Guidant denies that the claims against it have merit and intends to defend the action. This is a legal notice and is not a recall. Health-related decisions with respect to any of the defibrillators should be made after consultation with your physicians and other health-care professionals, and not because of the existence of the class action or its certification.

COSTS TO THE CLASS OF THE ACTION

Counsel have entered into an agreement with the representative plaintiffs with respect to legal fees and disbursements. The agreement, which requires court approval, provides that:

- Counsel will be paid an amount equal to the greater of their time multiplied by four, or a minimum of 25 percent of the amount recovered plus disbursements and taxes: and
- Counsel will not receive payment for their work unless and until the class action is successful or costs are received from the defendants.

The plaintiffs may seek financial support from the Class Proceedings Fund. If they are awarded financial support and if the class action is successful, the Class will also pay to the Class Proceedings Fund a 10% levy of any award or settlement funds plus the amount of any financial support it paid.

As a member of the Class, who is not a representative plaintiff, you will not be required to pay any costs in the event that the class action is unsuccessful.

DO NOTHING IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CLASS ACTION

Members of the Class who want to participate in the class action are automatically included and need not do anything at this time.

YOU MUST OPT OUT IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CLASS

Members of the Class who do not want to participate in the class action must opt out. If you want to opt out of the class action, you must send a written, signed election, including your name, address, telephone number to: Howie & Partners, Chartered Accountants, 3063 Walker Road, Windsor, ON N8W 3R4, Attention: Guidant Class Action or fax to 519.250.1929 or by email to sarkis.isaac@howieca.com

No Class Member will be permitted to opt out of the class action unless the election to opt out is received by Howie & Partners before March 15, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. E.T..

Each member of the Class who does not opt out of the class action will be bound by the terms of any judgment or settlement whether favourable or not and will not be allowed to prosecute an independent action. If the class action is successful, he or she may be entitled to share in the amount of any award or settlement recovered. In order to determine if you are entitled to share in the award or settlement and the amount, if any, of your share, it may be necessary to conduct an individual determination. You may be responsible for the costs of your individual determination. You will have the opportunity to decide if you wish to proceed with your individual determination before it begins.

No person may opt out a minor or a mentally incapable member of the Class without permission of the court after notice to The Children's Lawyer and/or the Public Guardian and Trustee, as appropriate.

The family members of any member of the Patient Class who opts out will be deemed to have opted out.

If a member of the Patient Class is deceased, his or her estate trustee has the right

A member of the Class who opts out will not be entitled to participate in the class action. His or her right to pursue a claim in a separate proceeding will not be

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This Notice was approved by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice. The court offices will be unable to answer any questions about the matters in this Notice. The certification order and other information are available on the Guidant class action web site at http://www.guidantclassaction.ca. Questions for class counsel should be directed by email or telephone to:

Harvey T. Strosberg, Q.C. Tel: 1.866.306.0287 (toll free) Sutts, Strosberg LLP 1.866.316.5308 (toll free) Fax:

600-251 Goyeau Street Windsor, ON N9A 6V4

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Lerners LLP Fax: 2400-130 Adelaide Street West

Toronto, ON M5H 3P5

email: guidantclassaction@lerners.ca

OPT-OUT FORM

I do not want to be included in the class action relating to Guidant defibrillators. I want to opt out (be excluded from) this class action. My information is as follows:	
Print Name	Date of birth
Address:	City
Province:	Postal Code:
Telephone:	Email address:
Date:	Signature:
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