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Integrated Single-Use Sterile and SIP Connector Provides Flexibility for Hybrid Stainless and Single-Use Systems

St. Paul, Minn. – April 18, 2012 – <u>Colder Products Company</u> announces the release of the new AseptiQuik[®] STC for use in biopharmaceutical processes using a hybrid combination of stainless equipment and single-use systems. The combined AseptiQuik sterile connector and Steam-Thru[®] II SIP connector gives biopharmaceutical manufacturers increased flexibility in process design and plant configuration, lowering overall production costs and reducing time to market.

The union of the two connectors into a single unit via a sanitary clamp creates a combination product that allows an AseptiQuik sterile connection to be steamed (SIP) on to stainless equipment. After the SIP cycle, a wide range of single-use systems can be connected to the AseptiQuik STC, presenting manufacturers with even greater flexibility for hybrid stainless steel and single-use processing.

"This new product is the direct result of customer inquiries on how to SIP an AseptiQuik connector to stainless process equipment," said John Boehm, business unit manager, bioprocessing markets. "This functionality allows drug manufacturers that utilize both traditional and single-use bioreactors to utilize common bag systems and tubing manifolds, reducing SKUs and overall cost."

The AseptiQuik STC connector can be mounted directly to the stainless steel vessel via either a 3/4" or 1-1/2 " sanitary termination. The SIP process can be done in advance allowing a quick and easy sterile connection to the AseptiQuik half without having to wait 30-60 minutes for SIP prior to feed or harvest. The AseptiQuik STC connectors are offered in both a standard version for gamma sterilization and a high temperature (HT) version for autoclave sterilization.

Colder's bioprocessing connections are manufactured in an ISO Class 7 certified cleanroom and meet USP Class VI and ADCF requirements. Contact Colder for validation test summaries, biocompatibility and extractables data.

To learn more about how to benefit from the AseptiQuik STC connector or other Colder bioprocessing connections please visit www.colder.com/bio. For information on any of the other 7,500 Colder connection solutions, please visit www.colder.com or call 800-444-2474.

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