



Press Release

National Industry Leader Joins Aethon Board

August 2, 2005 — PITTSBURGH, PA — Aethon, the nation's premier provider of low-cost solutions for automating transport in hospitals, has announced the appointment of Ron Taylor, one of hospital pharmacy's most recognized executives, to the company's Board of Directors. Taylor, best known as a Co-founder, Chairman and CEO of the Pyxis Corporation, will serve as an active board member and advisor for Pittsburgh-based Aethon.

"Ron Taylor's appointment to our board is a significant step in our growth and continued success," said Aldo Zini, Aethon's President and CEO. "We are honored to have his confidence and support."

A pioneer in healthcare pharmacy technology, Taylor founded Pyxis Corp. in 1987 as one of the industry's first companies to specialize in integrated software and hardware technology solutions for hospitals and long-term care facilities. He took the venture capital financed company public in 1992 and set a new standard for the safe delivery of drugs and supplies nationwide. Taylor served as Pyxis Chairman and Chief Executive Officer until the firm was purchased by Cardinal Health, Inc. (NYSE: CAH) in 1996 for a record \$1 billion.

After the sale and transition of Pyxis to Cardinal Health, Taylor spent several years as General Partner at Enterprise Partners Venture Capital. He is currently an independent investor and serves as Board Director for three publicly traded companies, Watson Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NYSE:WPI), ResMed Corporation (NYSE: RMD) and WestCoast Hospitality Corp. (NYSE: WEH). Taylor also serves as Foundation Chair at the University of California, San Diego and remains Chairman of The Board for three privately held companies, Asteres Inc., 3E Company and EMNS Corporation.

Taylor joins Aethon's distinguished Board of Directors who include Board Chairman Sean McDonald, Chairman and CEO of Precision Therapeutics; Don Jones, Managing Director of Draper Triangle Ventures; Layton Crouch, Managing Director of Pacific Venture Group; David Ward, General Partner of Salix Ventures; Henry Thorne, Founder of Aethon and Aldo Zini, Aethon CEO.

The most versatile transport system available in healthcare, Aethon's powerful TUGs are now at work in several hospitals across the nation, saving nurses, pharmacists and hospital staff more than 20,000 total trips per month. And, ongoing studies are proving even more impressive results – TUGs are helping hospitals improve clinical productivity, impact bottom line costs, improve patient safety, elevate employee satisfaction and overcome staff shortages.

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