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Dear Dr. Groth and Ms. Velazquez:

On behalf of the Global Medical Technology Alliance (GMTA), we are writing to thank you for meeting with us on May 16, 2011. We greatly appreciate your continued work with GMTA and your collaboration with our Alliance. Thank you for allowing us to provide an update on how the GMTA is developing.

Your outreach for our meeting to ensure the inclusion of other World Health Organization (WHO) offices, the World Bank and PMNCH whose work also involves medical technology proved to be very beneficial. We would like to thank Dr. Zafar Ullah Mirza, Ms. Alana Officer, Mr. Peter Laser, Mr. Andreas Seiter and Ms. Barbara Bulc for the information they shared on their important work.

As the GMTA is a relatively new organization, our resources are limited. We remain committed to working in a positive and productive manner with stakeholders to improve global healthcare. We want to cooperate on those opportunities brought to our attention.

One of the main subjects of focus during our meeting was discussion of the outcomes of the First WHO Global Forum on Medical Devices and the GMTA response to the "Medical Device: Managing the Mismatch" report. We thank you for the updates provided and for giving consideration to our recommendations. We welcome a continuation of this open dialogue and look forward to working with your office to prepare for the second Global Forum.

We commend the great amount of work that has been done by your office on a number of projects and studies of interest to the medical technology industry. We learned a great deal about your initiatives during our meeting.

We hope you will view the GMTA as a resource as the WHO goes forward with its many projects related to medical technology. From our positive discussions with you, we look forward to identifying areas of shared common interest and work that we could pursue to achieve our mutual goals. We believe that providing you with our ideas in the near future

would assist preparation for our next meeting with the WHO on October 10, 2011. We agree that sharing information between the GMTA and your office will continue to be very useful. The GMTA remains committed to collaboration with the WHO to improve patient health around the world.

Our facilitator in Geneva, Ms. Tatjana Sachse of Sidley Austin LLP, remains ready and available to contact us at any time with requests or questions you may have. As a reminder, her contact information is: tel. (022) 308 00 80 and email: [tsachse@sidley.com](mailto:tsachse@sidley.com).

Sincerely,

The Global Medical Technology Alliance

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