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### **Specialty Blades, Inc. Launches New Business to Expand Its Surgical Device Focus**

**Staunton, Virginia. May 19, 2005** – Specialty Blades, Inc. announced today that it has launched a new business, IncisionTech, to expand its focus on surgical device applications. Since its founding in 1985, the company has sold a variety of high performance, razor sharp, custom-made cutting solutions for use in a wide range of industries. An increasingly important segment has been the OEM medical device market, where Specialty Blades is recognized as the market and technology leader for cutting solutions.

In response to requests from leading medical device OEMs, IncisionTech is adding the capability to offer a broader array of innovative solutions for devices that have a need to cut, pierce, poke or prod. IncisionTech will add additional products to its historical line of high performance cutting blades.

The use of minimally invasive surgical techniques and other advances in surgical devices has helped trigger the growth in this sector. Products now under development at IncisionTech include endoscopic scissors, sharpened tubes, tissue cutters, lancets, custom needles, blades, biopsy punches, trocars, dissectors, cannula, and introducers.

“Our mission is to improve the performance of medical devices through providing targeted components, value-added services and expertise to device OEMs and designers,” said Peter Harris, CEO. “We will do this by focusing on a specific area of the device universe: those requiring piercing and cutting functionality. This strategy enables us to provide a depth of knowledge and support to our customers not possible from less functionally focused suppliers. Ultimately, we believe the fulfillment of this mission through a focused approach delivered to device OEMs best enables our company and its employees to create better outcomes for patients.”

Specialty Blades, Inc. will continue its focus on offering improved performance with custom made blades and branded products for industrial applications.

#### *About IncisionTech*

IncisionTech provides critical cutting and piercing components used in surgical devices. Its unique position in the surgical market comes from a 100% focus on cutting and piercing device functionality. This makes IncisionTech the strategic partner of choice for medical device OEMs seeking to improve patient outcomes through better device performance. Custom surgical blades, needles, endoscopic scissors, and other cutting and piercing components are produced to the highest quality standards for use in endoscopic, cardiovascular, ophthalmic, orthopedic and general surgery procedures. Innovative solutions focus on new materials, new designs and new approaches to meeting our customers’ unique requirements. For more information about IncisionTech visit our web site at [www.IncisionTech.com](http://www.IncisionTech.com) or call 800-213-7809