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RF Surgical Systems, Inc. completes \$12 million in funding led by Menlo Ventures

Bellevue WA, July 24, 2008 – RF Surgical Systems, Inc. announced that it has recently raised \$8.2 million in a Series A round of venture capital financing from Menlo Ventures and Stanford University. Together with previous private placement investments, the company has raised over \$12 million during 2008 and over \$20 million since its inception. The Company intends to use the new capital to support the expansion of its RF Surgical Detection System™ into acute care hospitals throughout the country.

The Company has developed and is marketing the patented FDA and CE approved RF Surgical Detection System™, the first and only surgical sponge detection system in commercial use. The system scans for and signals an alert if any RF Detect™ tagged surgical sponges, gauze or towels remain in a patient prior to surgical closing procedures. Retained surgical sponges are one of the leading patient safety concerns in hospitals—occurring at an estimated rate of 1 in every 1,000 to 1,500 intra-abdominal surgeries, according to a study in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. The RF Surgical Detection System™ is currently the market leader, is in use in over 30 hospitals across the United States, and is in a market test phase in several hospitals in Europe.

About RF Surgical Systems, Inc.

RF Surgical Systems is a privately held medical device company headquartered in Bellevue, Washington and maintains engineering R & D facilities in San Diego, California. The concept of the RF Surgical Detection System originated over ten years ago by Dr. Jeffrey Port, a Thoracic surgeon, and Mr. William Blair, an electrical engineer. For more information, please visit www.rfsurg.com.

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