

China takes "wait and see" attitude?



Like many Chinese medical-device manufacturers, Mindray Medical International had a long-term plan to penetrate the U.S. market. To this end, the company, which makes products such as operating tables and patient-monitoring machines, recently bought Datascope, a U.S. company with a good brand name and a well-structured distribution channel. Ironically, Mindray now finds it might be better-off sticking with the Chinese market, at least for now, says an online article at Forbes.com. Why? The Chinese government has pleged billions of dollars to upgrade health care in rural areas, while the U.S. is trying to cut healthcare costs. Mindray's strategy is probably that of watching the recession while continuing to work with global partners, waiting for the right jī huì (opportunity). Also see Medical

Manufacturing in China: An Awakening Dragon? and China, player in the global market.

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Mack Molding Co. announced the formation of its medical products group, MackMedical. Located at Mack's headquarters in Arlington, Vt., MackMedical includes product development, program management, quality, regulatory, document control, purchasing, sales and production, all skilled in medical manufacturing. Long known as a plastic injection molder, Mack also provides design, prototyping, metal fabrication, product assembly and direct order fulfillment. Specifically for medical customers, the company has also recently added product refurbishment, complaint investigation, and obsolescence management.

Fluke Biomedical announces launch of new Web site

Fluke Biomedical announces the launch of its new Web site at flukebiomedical.com. The site features enhanced search capabilities and a pleasant and efficient customer experience. The companys says that even in this dire economic environment, Fluke continues to provide top technology and customer support.