



## US Patent Office Rejects Ethicon's Petition for Inter Partes Review of EndoEvolution's Patent

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RAYNHAM, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--EndoEvolution, LLC, the leading innovator in advanced automated suturing devices, announced that on April 28, 2016 the Patent Trial and Appeal Board ("PTAB") of the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") denied instituting an *Inter Partes Review* ("IPR") of EndoEvolution's 6,923,819 B2 (" '819") patent.

On October 22, 2015, Ethicon Inc. filed a petition challenging the validity of 30 claims of EndoEvolution's '819 patent (IPR2016-00071). In its written decision, however, the PTAB determined that Ethicon failed to establish that there is a reasonable likelihood of showing that any of the challenged claims are unpatentable, and that therefore the petition was denied.

The '819 is one of EndoEvolution's 9 issued U.S. patents directed toward automated suturing devices.

"We are pleased with the PTAB's confirmation of the novelty of our technology which continues to demonstrate clinical value across a broad range of minimally invasive surgical procedures," said Ron Rudowsky, EndoEvolution President & CEO.

In its response to the petition, EndoEvolution was represented by Dorothy P. Whelan, Michael J. Kane and Patrick J. Bisenius of Fish & Richardson P.C. and Brian R. Pollack of Day Pitney, LLP.

### About EndoEvolution

EndoEvolution, LLC, the leading innovator in advanced automated suturing device technology, is a privately held medical device company introducing and developing the most advanced MIS (Minimally Invasive Surgery) automated suturing devices delivering significant clinical advantages and cost-effective to hospitals. EndoEvolution's Endo360® MIS suturing device is the only automated articulating, curved needle driver that precisely replicates the traditional method used by surgeons to place stitches and tie intracorporeal knots. The only automated suturing device available with a full

complement of standard sutures, EndoEvolution's reusable automated suturing products are easier to use with demonstrated clinical effectiveness in a broad range of surgical procedures including bariatric, colorectal, and general surgery, as well as gynecology and urogynecology.

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