



**Ardent Sound, Inc. President and CEO Michael H. Slayton, Ph.D., To Transition to GTS**

*Board of Directors appoints Vice President Peter G. Barthe as new President and CEO*

Mesa, Arizona (January 1, 2010) – The Board of Directors of Ardent Sound, Inc. announced today that Michael H. Slayton, Ph.D., the longtime President, CEO and Founder is moving full time to Guided Therapy Systems, LLC and will relinquish his position as CEO of Ardent Sound.

Dr. Slayton is the Founder of Ardent and has served as its Chairman, President and CEO since 1994, when he started the business and resigned from these positions as of January 1, 2011.

Dr. Slayton has decided to redirect his administrative and corporate responsibilities as an officer of Ardent and concentrate full time on technology research and development in his position as CEO of Guided Therapy Systems, LLC, which is responsible for the future growth of both GTS and Ardent Sound.

Under Slayton's leadership, from the initial startup of over 16 years ago, the organization has experienced its greatest period of growth and has evolved into one of the nation's leaders in ultrasound imaging and therapy as a developer and manufacturer of medical ultrasound products.

The Company today appointed Peter G. Barthe, Ph.D., current Vice President, as the next Chairman, President and CEO of Ardent Sound, Inc. Dr. Barthe has had tremendous experience in the business as he has served as Ardent's Vice-President and co-founder along with Dr. Slayton since its inception in 1994. The directors are extremely confident that Dr. Barthe's abilities, background, experience and energy will allow him to continue to lead the organization in the future.

Ardent Sound thanks Dr. Slayton for his vision and devotion to the business and extends its good wishes for his continued endeavors with Guided Therapy Systems, LLC, with the opportunity to optimize and grow this business into the future.

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