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**FDA APPROVES DIASONICS' MAGNETIC RESONANCE  
IMAGING SYSTEM**

Milpitas, CA (March 30, 1984) — The Food and Drug Administration has approved for commercial sale the magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) system developed and manufactured by Diasonics, Inc., Albert S. Waxman, the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, announced today. According to Waxman, the Company expects to ship approximately 25 to 30 of its MRI systems in 1984.

Last year, the Company shipped as planned 13 superconductive MRI systems to hospitals, clinics and physicians; most of those systems are installed and imaging patients. MRI uses magnetic fields, applied radio waves and computers — not x-rays — to create cross-sectional images of the body.

Diasonics' MT/S<sup>TM</sup> (Magnetic Tomography/Superconductive) system has unique imaging capabilities that enhance patient throughput, an important economic consideration, and image quality, a vital clinical consideration, according to Waxman.

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"With these systems commercially available to hospitals and clinics, MRI will become the standard for producing detailed soft-tissue images of any part of the body," Waxman said.

"The promise of MRI is correctly diagnosing diseases earlier, before they threaten the patient," he said. "In case after case, physicians report seeing pathology and signs of illness sooner than ever before.

"MRI is creating images of the brain and central nervous system with a clarity and sensitivity never before achieved. For the first time, as one example, physicians are able to distinguish brain tumors from tiny blood clots with accuracy vital for appropriate therapy," Waxman said.

According to Waxman, MRI has produced excellent pictures of the entire cardiovascular system and created images of unsurpassed resolution of the abdomen and pelvic area.

Diasonics develops, manufactures, markets and services ultrasound, digital and conventional X-ray and MRI systems for use by physicians worldwide.

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