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**SeQual's Eclipse® to be Honored as San Diego's "Outstanding
Manufacturing Engineering Project Award"**

*Over 1 Million Oxygen Patients in U.S. Stand to Benefit, Device Developed in San Diego
Allows Patients to Travel Around Town or Around the World*

SAN DIEGO – SeQual Technologies Inc., which develops oxygen systems known worldwide for their reliability, quality, revolutionary design and economy, announced today that it will be receiving the Outstanding Manufacturing Engineering Project Award from the San Diego County Engineering Council for its introduction of the Eclipse® Oxygen System. The award will be presented on Friday, February 23 at the Joan Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice on the University of San Diego campus as part of the 55th Annual National Engineers Week.

The commercial launch of the Eclipse in August 2006 marked the debut of an oxygen system envisioned by SeQual chairman and CEO Jim Bixby and his technology experts to meet the needs of an aging yet active generation. The Eclipse is the only oxygen concentrator on the market that is portable yet also powerful enough to supply adequate oxygen during sleep – up to 3 continuous-flow liters per minute. This allows previously home-bound patients to have a lifestyle of freedom and independence, freeing them from 50-pound stationary home oxygen concentrators and out-dated compressed gas cylinder technology.

In 2006, SeQual's Eclipse won the "Star Trek: Far-Out Innovation" award at BIOCOM's First Annual DeviceFest. The Eclipse was also one of three finalists in the Life Sciences – Medical Devices category at CONNECT's 19th Annual Most Innovative New Product (MIP) Awards.

Bixby said the continued recognition of the Eclipse is a testament to quality of therapy it provides to oxygen patients as well as the cost savings it offers home healthcare providers.

"Over one million Americans on oxygen therapy now have the ability to travel around town or around the world because of the Eclipse," said Bixby. "The scientific innovation and development required to make this achievement possible was substantial. We are pleased to have our work recognized as on the cutting-edge of what is possible."

Developed over five years at a cost of \$12 million, the Eclipse weighs 17 pounds, has a retractable handle and wheels for mobility, and is about the size of a student's backpack.

The Outstanding Manufacturing Engineering Project Award recognizes an outstanding project brought to fulfillment within the past five years through design and production that benefits the general public. To be eligible, the project must have been constructed or produced in San Diego County. The National Engineering Week San Diego Committee, comprised of representatives from local engineering societies and engineering schools, judges the nominations.

SeQual Technologies Inc.

Founded in 1991, SeQual offers a family of innovative products ranging from the 3 LPM (liter-per-minute) continuous flow portable Eclipse to its popular, compact, easy-to-use bedside 10 LPM unit. SeQual's air separation systems are used for industrial applications such as water purification, oxygenation for aquaculture, producing feed gas for ozone generators, or for any other processes needing high-purity, dry oxygen or nitrogen on site. SeQual is a private company based in San Diego. For more information, see www.sequal.com.

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