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### **Linden Announces Appointment of Tom Kuhn as Operating Partner**

Former Senior Vice President of VIASYS Expands Firm's Expertise

**Chicago, Illinois (January 14, 2008)** - Linden LLC, a Chicago-based private investment firm that focuses on middle market leveraged buyout investments in the healthcare and life sciences sectors, continues to develop its network of executives with today's announcement of the addition of Tom Kuhn as an Executive in Residence.

Mr. Kuhn brings over 25 years of experience in the medical device industry to Linden. Tom most recently served as Senior Vice President of VIASYS Healthcare and Group President of VIASYS MedSystems, a manufacturer and global distributor of value-added single patient use devices addressing the enteral, gastroenterology, barrier control and airway management markets, which was recently acquired by Cardinal Health. Mr. Kuhn has held several senior level positions in operations and finance within companies ranging from start-ups to turnarounds and has experience with both branded and OEM product based businesses. Mr. Kuhn spent the early part of his career in various financial, accounting and auditing positions. He holds a B.S. in Business from Eastern Illinois University and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Mr. Kuhn expands Linden's group of Operating Partners who collectively have over a century of healthcare experience. Tom will work closely with Linden's investment team in the development of corporate relationships, with the specific goal of identifying and sourcing investment opportunities. Linden expects Tom to serve as the CEO for a new acquisition and if needed as a board member or interim manager for select portfolio companies

#### **About Linden LLC**

Linden is a Chicago-based private equity firm focused exclusively on leveraged buyouts in the healthcare and life science industries. Linden's strategy is based upon three key elements: i) healthcare and life science industry specialization, ii) integration of transaction and operating expertise, and iii) strategic relationships with large corporations. Linden's portfolio includes BarrierSafe Solutions International (infection control products), Behavioral Centers of America (behavioral health facilities), Focused Health Solutions (disease management), Ranir (oral care products), and Suture Express (specialty distribution). For additional information, please visit [www.lindenllc.com](http://www.lindenllc.com).

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