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Dear Hearing Healthcare Professional,

We are pleased to inform you that the European notified body, TÜV, **has granted** **approval for recipients of the HiRes 90K™ or the HiRes 90K™ Advantage Implant with the HiFocus Helix™, HiFocus™ 1J and HiFocus™ Mid-Scala electrodes to undergo MRI analysis without the need to surgically remove the internal CI magnet at the following magnetic flux densities/frequencies:**

* **0.3T/12MHz**
* **1.5T/64MHz**

In order to perform MRI scans with the internal CI magnet in place, a dedicated MRI Antenna Coil Cover (product No. CI-7521) must be used in combination with a head bandaging protocol that will be described in an Instructions For Use (IFU) document along with a full list of supported indications. Both the MRI Antenna Coil Cover and the IFU will become available in European markets in the coming weeks. We will stay in close contact with you to inform you of their availability so you can plan MRI appointments with your patients as soon as possible.

For additional information regarding the use of MRI scanner with a HiRes 90K™ or HiRes 90K™ Advantage device, please contact your local Advanced Bionics representative.

As part of our commitment to providing the highest quality products and customer service, we are pleased to add this extended MRI compatibility to the long list of Advanced Bionics features that enhance the patient experience.

Thank you for trusting Advanced Bionics.

Sincerely,

Hansjuerg Emch

Group Vice President Medical

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