Endologix Comments on Alleged Patent Infringement

IRVINE, Calif., Dec. 31, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Endologix, Inc. (Nasdaq:ELGX), developer and marketer of innovative treatments for aortic disorders, announced today that it has become aware that Lifeport Sciences, LLC, which is affiliated with Acacia Research Corporation, has filed a lawsuit against Endologix in the United States District Court in Delaware alleging that Endologix's AFX Endovascular AAA System and IntuiTrak Powerlink System infringe five of Lifeport's U.S. patents. The five patents are scheduled to expire on various dates between 2013 and 2015.

John McDermott, Endologix Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, said, "Based on our initial review of the complaint and the subject patents, we believe we have strong defenses and that this potential dispute will not affect our commercial operations. We intend to aggressively defend our position."

About Endologix, Inc.

Endologix, Inc. (the "Company") develops and manufactures minimally invasive treatments for aortic disorders. The Company's focus is endovascular stent grafts for the treatment of abdominal aortic aneurysms (AAA). AAA is a weakening of the wall of the aorta, the largest artery in the body, resulting in a balloon-like enlargement. Once AAA develops, it continues to enlarge and, if left untreated, becomes increasingly susceptible to rupture. The overall patient mortality rate for ruptured AAA is approximately 75%, making it a leading cause of death in the U.S. Additional information can be found on Endologix's Web site at www.endologix.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

Except for historical information contained herein, this news release contains forward-looking statements relating to the alleged patent infringement lawsuit filed by Lifeport Sciences, LLC, which are subject to risks and uncertainties, all of which are difficult or impossible to predict accurately and many of which are beyond the control of Endologix. Many factors may cause actual results to differ materially from anticipated results, including unforeseen developments during the litigation process. The Company undertakes no obligation to update its forward looking statements. Please refer to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, and the Company's other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, for more detailed information regarding these risks and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied.

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