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Laird Broadfield Named Vice President of Research & Development for Asteres Inc.

Del Mar, CA December 15, 2004 — Asteres Inc., the industry's first provider of automated finished prescription pick up machines for retail pharmacy, announced today that it has named Laird Broadfield as Vice President of Research and Development.

Mr. Broadfield joins Asteres from the Pyxis division of Fortune 500's 17th ranked Cardinal Health, where he was the Vice President of Research and Development. Mr. Broadfield was responsible for product portfolio management and M&A evaluation as well as leading a product development team of 220, encompassing product conception and design, embedded and application software development, hardware development, industrial design, and product assurance.

Mr. Broadfield was the first member of Pyxis' development staff, and held various technical and management roles during his 16 years there, through the company's growth from its first narcotics control product to a suite of more than 70 products, including medication and supply management systems, clinical safety software, medication workflow systems, and point-of-care systems. Mr. Broadfield was a member of Pyxis' executive committee, and an officer of its development subsidiary. "Laird brings a wealth of strategic product development talent to Asteres and his experience in scaling an automation technology portfolio from just a few products to over seventy is rare," said Al Waterhouse, Asteres President and CEO. "Asteres' Founder Linda Pinney and Laird Broadfield are a powerful team and consistently delivered new products and new markets during Pyxis' early years."

Prior to Pyxis, Laird worked in scientific software and instrument development for Hybritech, San Diego's first biotechnology company; his other technology experience includes work in instrument development for pharmaceutical companies and software design and operations for the financial services industry.

Asteres Inc. develops and manufactures automated machines for the controlled storage, management, purchasing and dispensing of consumer products, healthcare medications & supplies and finished prescriptions.

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