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ResMed Issues a Voluntary Recall for Certain S8 Flow Generators

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – San Diego, CA, April 23, 2007 – ResMed today announced a worldwide voluntary recall of approximately 300,000 S8 flow generators used for the treatment of obstructive sleep apnea. In S8 CPAP devices manufactured between September 2004 and May 15, 2006, there is a remote potential for a short circuit in the power supply connector. ResMed will provide a replacement device to patients who have an affected device.

Patients may continue to use their S8 CPAP devices until they receive a replacement device. As with any electrical device, patients should make sure that it is placed on a hard clean surface during use. Patients should discontinue use of the device if there are any signs of electrical failure. ResMed does not recommend using supplemental oxygen with an affected device. Patients using supplemental oxygen should consult their healthcare provider.

The recall includes the following serial number ranges for all S8 models:

S8 AutoSet Spirit (PN# 33113, 33122, 33123, 33124, 33125),
S8 Elite (PN#33026, 33027, 33028, 33031),
S8 Prima (PN# 33038) and
S8 Escape (PN#33009, 33024, 33002).

Only those listed by serial number in this range are affected:

From	To
20040285613	20060283743
20060287568	20060294694

ResMed voluntarily recalled the product after learning that in rare instances – less than two tenths of one percent (0.2%) – a short circuit in the power supply connector has caused the devices to fail. In only seven cases worldwide, device failures have led to minor thermal damage to the outside of the device. No patient injuries or significant property damage have been reported.

ResMed has advised the US Food and Drug Administration and other regulatory authorities of this corrective action.

ResMed's S8 flow generators are distributed through medical equipment suppliers throughout the world. Affected products can be identified by the serial numbers on the bottom of each device. ResMed is working in close partnership with its distribution partners and the medical community to ensure that patients are fully aware of the replacement program and that patients who have an affected device will receive a replacement S8 flow generator.

Patients will be contacted as soon as possible to arrange for a replacement device and are encouraged to visit www.resmed.com/s8program for more information.