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SECTION 14(d)(4) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Respironics, Inc.

(Name of Subject Company)

Respironics, Inc.

(Name of Person Filing Statement)

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(Title of Class of Securities)

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**ROYAL PHILIPS ELECTRONICS TO ACQUIRE RESPIRONICS
FOR USD \$66.00 PER SHARE**

MURRYSVILLE, PA, December 21, 2007 □ **RESPIRONICS, INC. (NASDAQ/NMS Symbol: RESP)** today announced it has entered into a definitive merger agreement pursuant to which Royal Philips Electronics (AEX: PHI, NYSE: PHG) (Philips) will commence a tender offer to acquire all of the outstanding shares of Respiroics for USD 66.00 in cash per share, or a total purchase price of approximately USD 5.1 billion. The offer price represents a premium of approximately 31% over Respiroics' average closing share price for the thirty trading days ended December 20, 2007. The Board of Directors of Respiroics has unanimously approved the transaction and recommends that Respiroics shareholders accept and tender their shares into the offer. The tender offer is expected to commence by January 8, 2008 and is subject to customary conditions, including the tender of at least a majority of the shares and the receipt of U.S. and European regulatory approvals. The offer is not subject to any financing contingency, and the transaction is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2008.

Respiroics is a global leader in the treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA), a sleep disorder characterized by the repeated cessation of breathing during sleep. It is estimated that in the United States alone there are 18 □ 20 million sufferers of moderate or severe OSA of which only 15 □ 20% have been diagnosed. Research in recent years has shown a link between OSA, heart disease, stroke and diabetes. Additionally, the company has a leading position in noninvasive ventilation and has recently introduced new home oxygen technologies to serve the needs of respiratory impaired patients in the home. The remainder of the Company's business is focused on the hospital channel and includes noninvasive and invasive ventilation, respiratory monitoring, neonatal products and respiratory drug delivery technologies for the treatment of respiratory diseases.

Upon closing, Respiroics will become the headquarters for Philips Home Healthcare Solutions group within Philips Healthcare, and Respiroics' senior operating leadership are expected to remain with the organization and will continue to lead and manage the business. Philips has made a number of successful acquisitions in the area of Home Healthcare so far including Lifeline Systems, Health Watch and Raytel Cardiac Services. Today, Philips Home Healthcare Solutions supports almost one million at-risk seniors, either in their own homes or in senior living facilities throughout the U.S. and Canada.

□The transaction we are announcing today will deliver superior and certain value to Respiroics' shareholders, □ said John L. Miclot, President and Chief Executive Officer of Respiroics. □The combination of Respiroics and Philips will allow us to continue to provide exceptional products and services to our customers and allow Respiroics to expand its leadership in the global sleep and respiratory markets. Philips is the right partner to create additional growth opportunities for our company, and we believe that our organization will benefit significantly by being part of a larger, growing and dynamic organization. We look forward to working with the Philips team to ensure an effective and seamless transition. □

□A core part of Philips' healthcare strategy is to achieve a leading position in the high growth sector of home

healthcare, Steve Rusckowski, Chief Executive Officer of Philips Healthcare and member of the Board of Management of Philips Electronics, said. "This acquisition, with its significant strategic and financial benefits to Philips Healthcare, is another important step in carrying out this strategy." Upon completion of this acquisition, Respiroics will become the centerpiece of Home Healthcare Solutions, which will form part of Philips Healthcare as of January 1, 2008.

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Respiroics is a leading developer, manufacturer and distributor of innovative products and programs that serve the global sleep and respiratory markets. Focusing on emerging market needs, the Company is committed to providing valued solutions to help improve outcomes for patients, clinicians and health care providers. Respiroics markets its products in 141 countries and employs more than 5,300 associates worldwide. Further information can be found on the Company's Web site: www.respiroics.com.

Royal Philips Electronics of the Netherlands (NYSE: PHG, AEX: PHI) is a global leader in healthcare, lighting and consumer lifestyle, delivering products, services and solutions through the brand promise of "sense and simplicity". Headquartered in the Netherlands, Philips employs approximately 128,000 employees in more than 60 countries worldwide. With sales of EUR 27 billion in 2006, the company is a market leader in medical diagnostic imaging and patient monitoring systems, energy efficient lighting solutions, personal care and home appliances, as well as consumer electronics. News from Philips is located at www.philips.com/newscenter.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENT

This release may contain certain forward-looking statements with respect to the financial condition, results of operations and business of Respiroics and certain of the plans and objectives of Respiroics with respect to these items, including without limitation completion of the tender offer and merger. Completion of the tender offer and merger are subject to conditions, including satisfaction of a minimum tender condition and the need for regulatory approvals, and there can be no assurance those conditions can be satisfied or that the transactions described in this press release will be completed. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will occur in the future and there are many factors that could cause actual results and developments to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements.

Additional Information

The tender offer described in this press release has not yet commenced, and this press release is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell Respiroics common stock. Investors and security holders are urged to read both the tender offer statement and the solicitation/recommendation statement regarding the tender offer described in this press release when they become available because they will contain important information. The tender offer statement will be filed by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Philips Holding USA Inc., which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Royal Philips Electronics, with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and the solicitation/recommendation statement will be filed by Respiroics with the SEC. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of these statements (when available) and other documents filed by Philips or Respiroics with the SEC at the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. The tender offer statement and related materials, solicitation/recommendation statement, and such other documents may be obtained for free by directing such requests to Investor Relations of Respiroics at 1010 Murry Ridge Lane, Murrysville, PA 15668.

Friday, December 21, 2007

Philips to make public offer for all shares of US-based Respiroics; a major step forward for Philips Healthcare

- *Philips and Respiroics agree to all-cash offer of USD 66 per share; total transaction price of approximately EUR 3.6 billion*
- *Acquisition significantly strengthens Philips Healthcare, will provide a strategic platform for further growth and leverages the acquisitions of Lifeline and Raytel*
- *Acquisition will make Philips a leader in the global Home Healthcare space and in the fast-growing field of obstructive sleep apnea management and home respiratory care*
- *Philips' in-hospital position also strengthened through acquisition given Respiroics' strong non-invasive ventilation and respiratory monitoring products for hospitals and clinics*
- *Respiroics Board of Directors recommends offer to shareholders*

Amsterdam, the Netherlands and Murrysville, Pennsylvania, USA – Royal Philips Electronics (AEX: PHI, NYSE: PHG) (Philips) and Respiroics, Inc (Nasdaq: RESP) today announced a definitive merger agreement pursuant to which Philips will commence a tender offer to acquire all of the outstanding shares of Respiroics for USD 66 per share, or a total purchase price of approximately EUR 3.6 billion (USD 5.1 billion) to be paid in cash upon completion. This transaction will firmly place Philips as a global leader in the fast-growing home healthcare market by adding new product categories in obstructive sleep apnea and home respiratory care to its existing businesses in this field. In addition, this acquisition will be highly complementary to Philips' patient monitoring businesses in the hospital setting. The board of directors of Respiroics has unanimously approved the transaction and recommends the offer to their shareholders.

Respiroics, based in Murrysville, Pennsylvania, USA, is the leading provider of innovative solutions for the global sleep therapy and respiratory markets. The fast-growing company develops, manufactures, distributes and markets innovative products in the field of respiratory medical technology, which are used in both home settings as well as in hospitals and clinics. Respiroics has approximately 5,300 employees worldwide.

"Respiroics is an excellent strategic fit and will significantly drive our growth in healthcare both in the hospital and in the home," said Gerard Kleisterlee, President and Chief Executive Officer of Royal Philips Electronics. "The acquisition of Respiroics is another major milestone towards the completion of our objective to build market leadership positions in high-growth, high-margin businesses across the three market sectors of healthcare, lighting and consumer lifestyle. It is also another significant step in our continuing capital re-allocation process. With about EUR 10 billion worth of closed or announced acquisitions since 2005 and EUR 10.2 billion of realized or announced share repurchase programs during the same period, we are well on track to deliver an efficient balance sheet before the end of 2009."

Almost three-quarters of Respiroics' sales are achieved in the company's Sleep and Home Respiratory business which consists of diagnostic and therapeutic devices for sleep disordered breathing and chronic respiratory diseases. Respiroics is a global leader in the treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA), a condition characterized by the repeated cessation of breathing during sleep. It is estimated that in the United States alone there are 18 – 20 million sufferers of moderate or severe OSA of which only 15 – 20% have been diagnosed. Research in recent years has shown a link between OSA, heart disease, stroke and diabetes. Additionally, the company has a leading position in noninvasive ventilation and has recently introduced new home oxygen technologies to serve the needs of respiratory impaired patients in the home. The remainder of the Company's business is focused on the hospital channel and includes noninvasive and invasive ventilation, respiratory monitoring, neonatal products and respiratory drug delivery technologies for the treatment of respiratory diseases.

Growth in the USD 5 billion plus global respiratory markets is expected to be at least 10% per annum going forward and the market for global sleep apnea management in particular is expected to show a mid-teen percentage growth rate annually in the coming years, as rising awareness of this potentially life-threatening condition leads to increasing diagnosis and treatment of OSA. Growth in the global sleep and respiratory markets is expected to be particularly significant in Asia and Europe, where Philips' strong brand combined with the sales and distribution channels of both organizations will further accelerate adoption of Respiroics' innovative portfolio.

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Philips has made a number of successful acquisitions in the area of Home Healthcare so far. Last year Philips announced the acquisition of Lifeline Systems, and Health Watch and Raytel Cardiac Services were added this year. Philips Home Healthcare Solutions already offers a range of solutions that enable the treatment and monitoring of patients in the surroundings of their personal living space rather than in a hospital environment. Today, Philips Home Healthcare Solutions supports almost one million at-risk seniors, either in their own homes or in senior living facilities throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Cost synergies expected from this transaction will be primarily based on supply chain optimization and savings in general and administrative expenses including IT related synergies to be achieved by leveraging Respiroics' strong IT infrastructure. Respiroics' respiratory management portfolio is synergistic with Philips' current offerings in patient monitoring, from pre-hospital admission to long-term disease management in the home. The combined businesses will profit from cross-selling opportunities leveraging Philips' existing strengths in both the hospital and the home. The transaction will be immediately accretive to revenue growth as well as EBITA margin to Philips and Philips Healthcare.

Over a twelve month period ending in September 2007, Respiroics reported sales of approximately USD 1.2 billion with an EBITA margin of 19%. In its last five fiscal years Respiroics has seen revenues grow at a compound annual growth rate of 19% whilst the EBITA margin grew at a compound annual growth rate of 20% over this period.

This transaction is structured as an all-cash tender offer by Philips for all of the issued and outstanding shares of Respiroics, to be followed by a merger in which each remaining un-tendered share of Respiroics will be converted into the USD 66 per share price paid in the tender offer. The tender offer is expected to commence by January 8, 2008 and is not subject to any financing contingency. The acquisition will be effected pursuant to a merger agreement and is subject to the terms and conditions of that agreement. These include the tender of a majority of the outstanding Respiroics shares, as well as customary U.S. and EU regulatory clearances. The transaction is expected to close in the first quarter of 2008 upon which Respiroics will become the headquarters for Philips Home Healthcare Solutions group within Philips Healthcare.

At 10.00 AM CET today, financial analysts are invited to join a telephone conference with Gerard Kleisterlee, Philips' President and CEO, Pierre-Jean Sivignon, Chief Financial Officer of Philips and Steve Rusckowski, Chief Executive Officer of Philips Healthcare. A live webcast of this conference call and a presentation with regard to this transaction will be made available on Philips' Investor Relations website at: <http://www.philips.com/about/investor/index.page>.

At 11.30 AM CET today, journalists are invited to join a telephone briefing with Mr Kleisterlee, Mr Sivignon and Mr. Rusckowski. A live webcast of this briefing will be made available on Philips' News Center website at: <http://www.newscenter.philips.com/about/news/index.page>.

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