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## **SEMPERMED WINS GHX 2009 BEST IN CLASS AWARD**

*Annual awards program recognizes medical-surgical market leaders*

**Clearwater, FL – June 24, 2009** - Sempermed today announced that it is a recipient of a 2009 GHX Best in Class Award for achieving the highest year-over-year market share growth for distributed products in the Gloves product category for the 2008 calendar year.

Sempermed was among the 30 leading medical-surgical product manufacturers recognized by GHX in five market segments and 35 product categories, ranging from cardiovascular devices to skin-care products. Winners were determined using GHX Market Intelligence reports that analyze national distributed sales transaction data.

“We are very excited to be recognized as the 2009 Best in Class winner in the Gloves category and would like to thank GHX for their continuous support,” said Becky Mistick, Marketing Specialist, Sempermed USA. “Sempermed is dedicated to providing superior service by focusing exclusively on the manufacturing of gloves. We are proud to offer our customers a full line of gloves for every need and look forward to continuing to provide excellent hand protection throughout 2009.”

“We are extremely pleased to honor Sempermed for its leadership position in the Gloves product category,” said Ed McCauley, general manager, GHX Market

Intelligence. “Despite the down economy, Sempermed grew 15.27 percent in 2008 while the overall market segment grew 11.71 percent.”

With information provided by 27 of the nation’s leading distributors, GHX Market Intelligence tracks and reports on more than \$34 billion of distributed sales for medical-surgical and clinical laboratory supplies and devices. It is the only comprehensive source for accurate, detailed and timely data for the acute and alternate site healthcare markets, containing geographically relevant and competitive market share, size and average selling price reporting down to the three-digit ZIP code level.

**About Sempermed USA, Inc.**

Sempermed is a vertically integrated manufacturer that provides focused sales, marketing, and logistical support to those in need of hand protection.

**About GHX**

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