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The Finger Phantom® Pulse Oximetry Testing System, made by Nonin Medical, has been discontinued. This change has no effect on any other Nonin products.

BC Group International Inc. is the new licensee of this technology, and is producing and marketing the product under the new name FingerSim™.

BC Group expects to begin shipping FingerSim™ in January 2003. Other than the name change, the product is virtually identical to the original Nonin Finger Phantom®. Specifications and accessories remain unchanged.

In business since 1988, BC Group is a leading biomedical test equipment manufacturer and distributor, with a worldwide customer base. BC Group's line of biomedical test equipment is marketed under the tradename "BC Biomedical." FingerSim™ will join this product line-up.

BC Group also manufactures an accompanying product for FingerSim™: The BC Biomedical SPO-2000. The FingerSim™ is inserted into SPO-2000, and the result is a hands-free pulse oximetry testing device with 6 calibrated pulse rates.

Please note that Nonin's line of physiological monitoring devices and their distributor network is unaffected in any other way.

For more information, visit the BC Group website at bcgroupintl.com, or call 314-638-3800.



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FingerSim™