Helius Medical Technologies, Inc. Submits Response to U.S. FDA in Pursuit of De Novo Classification and Clearance of the PoNS™ Device for the Treatment of Gait Deficit Due to Symptoms of Multiple Sclerosis

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Submits formal response to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's request for additional information

NEWTOWN, Pa., Jan. 11, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Helius Medical Technologies, Inc. (Nasdaq:HSDT) (TSX:HSM) ("Helius" or the "Company"), a neurotech company focused on neurological wellness, today announced that it has submitted its formal response to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (the "FDA" or "Agency") request for additional information.

The FDA's request for additional information was related to the Company's request for de novo classification and clearance of the Portable Neuromodulation Stimulator (PoNS™) device as a potential treatment for gait deficit due to symptoms of Multiple Sclerosis ("MS"), to be used as an adjunct to a supervised therapeutic exercise program in patients over 18 years of age.

"The Helius team is very excited to announce the timely submission of our response to the FDA's request for additional information," said Dane Andreeff, Interim President and Chief Executive Officer of Helius. "The achievement of this important milestone was made possible by the diligent efforts of our regulatory and clinical affairs team, and I would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication in recent months."

Mr. Andreeff continued: "Looking ahead, we expect that the FDA's receipt of our response will enable the FDA to resume its review of our request for de novo classification and clearance. We remain committed to our goal of bringing our PoNS technology to the aid of U.S. patients suffering with gait deficit due to MS-related symptoms as expeditiously as possible, and hope to receive the FDA's decision on our request for de novo classification and clearance during the first half of this year."

Additional Background Information:

Helius submitted its request for de novo classification and clearance of the PoNS device for the treatment of gait deficit due to symptoms from MS on August 4, 2020, following the receipt of Breakthrough Designation by FDA in early May. On October 19, 2020, the Company announced the receipt of the FDA's request for additional information, which was received approximately 75 days following the submission date and placed the FDA's review on hold until receipt by the FDA of the requested information.

About Helius Medical Technologies, Inc.

Helius Medical Technologies is a neurotech company focused on neurological wellness. The Company's purpose is to develop, license and acquire unique and non-invasive platform technologies that amplify the brain's ability to heal itself. The Company's first commercial product is the Portable Neuromodulation Stimulator (PoNS™). For more information, visit www.heliusmedical.com.

About the PoNS™ Device and PoNS Treatment™

The Portable Neuromodulation Stimulator (PoNS™) is authorized for sale in Canada as a class II, non-implantable, medical device intended as a short term treatment (14 weeks) of gait deficit due to mild and moderate symptoms from multiple sclerosis (MS), and chronic balance deficit due to mild-to-moderate traumatic brain injury (mmTBI) and is to be used in conjunction with physical therapy. The PoNS™ is an investigational medical device in the United States, the European Union ("EU"), and Australia ("AUS"). The device is currently under review for de novo classification and clearance by the FDA. It is also under premarket review by the AUS Therapeutic Goods Administration. PoNS™ is currently not commercially available in the United States, the European Union or Australia.

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regarding the Company's capital requirements to achieve its business objectives, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, uncertainties associated with future clinical trials and other development activities, and other risks detailed from time to time in the filings made by the Company with securities regulators, including the risks and uncertainties described in the "Risk Factors" sections of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019, Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2020 and its other filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and the Canadian securities regulators, which can be obtained from either at www.sec.gov or www.sedar.com.The reader is cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statement. The forward-looking statements contained in this news release are made as of the date of this news release and the Company assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement or to update the reasons why actual results could differ from such statements except to the extent required by law.

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