



## Helius Medical Technologies Submits Request for FDA 510(k) Clearance of the PoNS™ Device

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NEWTOWN, PA., September 4, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Helius Medical Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ:HSDT) (TSX:HSM) ("Helius" or the "Company"), a neurotech company focused on neurological wellness, today announced that the Company has submitted a request to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") for de novo classification and 510(k) clearance of the Portable Neuromodulation Stimulator (PoNS™) device.

"Helius is excited to announce the submission of our request for de novo classification and 510(k) clearance of the PoNS device for the treatment of chronic balance deficit due to mild- to moderate-traumatic brain injury," said Philippe Deschamps, Helius' President, CEO and Chairman. "This important milestone is the result of many years of hard work from the Helius team, and it brings us one step closer to making our novel PoNS Treatment available for U.S. patients who suffer from the potentially disabling effects of TBI-related chronic balance disorder."

The Company's request for de novo classification and 510(k) clearance is supported by clinical data from two double-blind, randomized, controlled trials demonstrating the PoNS device's safety and efficacy, with combined enrollment of 163 patients. It is also informed by feedback provided by FDA during pre-submission meetings that focused on the Company's trial designs, clinical data and design verification testing.

Mr. Deschamps continued: "Looking ahead, the Company is focused on laying the groundwork for the commercial launch of our PoNS Treatment following FDA clearance and pursuing regulatory clearances in Canada, Australia, Europe."

### 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 product in development is the Portable Neuromodulation Stimulator (PoNS). For more information, visit [www.heliusmedical.com](http://www.heliusmedical.com).

### About the PoNS Device and PoNS Treatment

The Portable Neuromodulation Stimulator (PoNS) is an investigational, non-invasive, medical device.

PoNS Treatment is the first and only tongue-delivered neuromodulation that combines stimulation of cranial nerves with physical and cognitive therapy to restore lost neurological function. The Company's trials investigating the PoNS in traumatic brain injury are more fully discussed in the Company's disclosure materials, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K and other filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

### Cautionary Disclaimer Statement:

Certain statements in this news release are not based on historical facts and constitute forward-looking statements or forward-looking information within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and Canadian securities laws.

All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this news release are forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Such forward-looking statements include, among others, statements regarding the potential clearance by the FDA of the Company's regulatory submission and the future commercial launch of the PoNS device.

Forward-looking statements are often identified by terms such as "will", "may", "should", "anticipate", "expects", "estimate", "intend" and similar expressions.

There can be no assurance that such statements will prove to be accurate and actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the Company's expectations include the uncertainties associated with the FDA regulatory approval process, including the possibility that the FDA may not find the Company's regulatory submission sufficient to support clearance, the Company's need to raise additional capital to achieve its business objectives and other risks detailed from time to time in the filings made by the Company with securities regulators.

The reader is cautioned that assumptions used in the preparation of any forward-looking statements may prove to be incorrect. Events or circumstances may cause actual results to differ materially from those predicted, as a result of numerous known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors, many of which are beyond the control of the Company. The reader is cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statement. Such information, although considered reasonable by management at the time of preparation, may prove to be incorrect and actual results may differ materially from those anticipated. Forward-looking statements contained in this news release are expressly qualified by this cautionary statement. Risks and uncertainties about the Company's business are more fully discussed in the Company's disclosure materials, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2018 and its other filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and the Canadian securities regulators and which can be obtained from either at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

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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