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The Starkey Hearing Research Center Receives Second Research Grant from University of California's Industry-University Cooperative Research Program

MINNEAPOLIS—July 20, 2006—Starkey Laboratories, Inc., one of the world's leading hearing technology companies, today announced that its Starkey Hearing Research Center (SHRC) in Berkeley, Calif., has been awarded its second research grant in less than two years from the state of California through the University of California's Industry-University Cooperative Research Program.

"These grants demonstrate the importance the state of California places on helping the hearing impaired," said Brent Edwards, PhD., executive director of the Starkey Hearing Research Center. "All of us at the Starkey Hearing Research Center are excited about the opportunity these grants provide us to work with world-class researchers at UC-Berkeley. We expect they are equally as excited to conduct such significant hearing aid research for the first time in their careers."

The most recently awarded research grant is for a two-year project with UC-Berkeley researchers to develop novel signal processing strategies for hearing aids. SHRC received its first grant from the state of California in 2005. That grant is currently funding collaborative research between the SHRC and UC-Berkeley's Psychology Department on the impact of hearing aids on the cognitive processing of hearing aid wearers.

About Starkey Laboratories

Privately held Starkey Laboratories, Inc. is a consumer technology company headquartered in Eden Prairie, Minn. The company is recognized for its innovative design, development, and distribution of comprehensive digital listening systems. Founded in 1967, Starkey currently has more than 4,000 employees and facilities in 18 countries. Divisions operating under the Starkey Laboratories family of companies include Audibel, Micro-Tech, NuEar, Omni, Qualitone, and Starkey. For more information, visit www.Starkey.com.

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