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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

MEDTRONIC, INC., a Minnesota
 corporation, MEDTRONIC USA, INC., a
 Minnesota corporation, and MEDTRONIC
 VASCULAR, INC., a Delaware corporation,

Plaintiffs,

v.

W. L. GORE & ASSOCIATES, INC., a
 Delaware corporation,

Defendant.

Case No. C06-04455 JSW

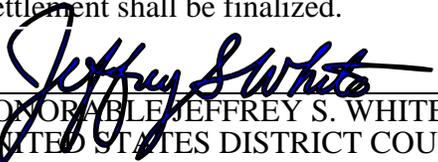
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 STIPULATION TO VACATE TRIAL
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Pursuant to the stipulation of the parties, the trial date set for August 31, 2009 shall be vacated, pending the finalization of the settlement agreement based on the terms for settlement agreed to on August 20, 2009. If a dismissal is not filed by September 4, 2009, the parties shall file a status report on that date advising the Court as to when they anticipate the settlement shall be finalized.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 24, 2009



HONORABLE JEFFREY S. WHITE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE