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Industry Innovator Transcend® Launches Portable Solar Charger™ Battery Recharger for CPAPs

MINNEAPOLIS (July 2, 2012) – Somnetics International Inc., the Minneapolis-based maker of [Transcend®](#) and the leader of innovation in continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) technology, today launched the Transcend Portable Solar Charger™ designed to recharge Transcend P8™ and P4™ batteries under the sun for reliable CPAP therapy under the stars. Transcend is the first and only CPAP system to feature portable battery power with the option of solar recharging technology.

The Transcend Portable Solar Recharger is lightweight, compact and durable (military tested) and provides free power even in low-light conditions. It is ideal for users who travel, camp, and need reliable power wherever they go. The Transcend Portable Solar Charger provides peace of mind during power outages or when power is not available.

Clarence Johnson, president, Somnetics said, “Innovation and the needs of the CPAP user are the core drivers of all Transcend product development and this product fills an unmet need in the market. The Transcend Portable Solar Charger provides reliable power whenever and wherever power is needed and until now, that was not available.”

Weighing in under one pound, the Transcend Portable Solar Charger can be rolled up and easily stored and provides a full charge when charged appropriately for both Transcend batteries.

Transcend was recently awarded the Medtrade Provider’s Choice Award for providing the market with innovative products that meet the needs of the user and provide an edge for the dealers that sell Transcend.

Transcend is changing the way sleep apnea therapy is delivered as the world’s smallest, lightest, most portable and flexible (CPAP) and battery system. It is first in the industry to bring proven Waterless Humidification™ technology and lightweight, long-life battery systems and solar power technology to CPAP users, making Transcend the preferred choice for travel *and* home use.

For information about Transcend and the industry’s most innovative CPAP products visit www.mytranscend.com or call 877-621-9626.

About Transcend

Transcend is the smallest, lightest and most portable CPAP and battery system available. The Transcend Sleep Apnea Therapy System offers options that make this the most flexible CPAP choice for travel and home use. Options include the lightweight, long-life P₄ Overnight Battery System™ and the P₈ Multi-Night Battery System™ to provide reliable power in remote locations

and during power outages. Two Waterless Humidification™ system options harness innovative proprietary heat moisture exchange (HME) technology that eliminates the hassles of traditional heated humidifiers. Transcend is protected by several issued and pending US and foreign patents.

About Somnetics

Somnetics International, Inc. is a privately-held medical device company based in Minneapolis, Minn. It is an emerging leader in customer-driven design, development and production of respiratory medical devices to treat sleep apnea and related issues. Somnetics' mission is focused on integrating technology, customer input and employee creativity to provide innovative, high quality products that improve quality of life for people with respiratory disorders. Transcend received the 2011 Medtrade *Innovation Award*, the 2012 Medtrade Spring *Provider's Choice Award*, and the 2012 *Best Practices Award for Product Differentiation* in the Sleep Disordered Breathing market from Frost & Sullivan. Somnetics received FDA market clearance for the Transcend CPAP machine in July 2010 and CE Mark in February 2012. Transcend and associated technology is protected by several issued and pending U.S. and foreign patents.

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