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Birtcher Corp. ^(NI) said ^(ACT-ap) it ^(EFF-ap) signed ^(ACT-ap) a definitive agreement with ^(ADDR-ap) C.R. Bard Inc. ^(ADDR-ap) , a Murray Hill ^(APPS_member) , N.J. ^(LDC) , maker of health-care products ^(PAY-ap) , for the purchase of the company 's Bard/EMS Electrosurgery division ^(EXT) for about \$ 11 million ^(RSTR) .

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Birtcher ^(APPS_member) , a maker of electronic medical equipment ^(ACT-ap) , said ^(ACT-ap) the transaction is expected to close ^(EFF-ap) on or before Nov. 30 ^(ACT-ap) .

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Bard/EMS ^(ACT-ap) had ^(PAY-ap) 1988 sales of about \$ 14 million ^(EXT) , Birtcher ^(RSTR) said ^(ACT-ap) .