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However, as metal devices are not compatible with MRI, and with 10 million people each year getting an MRI scan for diagnostic purposes, the project is targeting a broad market. "We are delighted to be working on this cutting-edge EU technology project. Since 2006, Blueacre has invested consistently in research and development and engineering. This expertise in developing and manufacturing laser micromachining equipment and working with polymers has helped us secure the funding for this exciting and important research," said Dr David Gillen, Managing Director, Blueacre Technology.

"This specialised area of medical device manufacture has tremendous potential to improve the efficiency of interventional surgical medicine. By making it easier to design and produce metal-free minimally invasive medical devices, the project could lead to significantly improved diagnoses and treatment of cardiac disease and reduce the €45 billion annual cost of lost productivity in the EU associated with it." Blueacre Technology will be working with companies from countries including Germany, France and Italy as part of OPENMIND. The first project Blueacre will work on is the development of a guide wire, used in many minimally invasive procedures, such as cardiac interventions.

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