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**VIKING SYSTEMS EXPANDS FOOTPRINT IN LATIN AMERICA BY ADDING MEXICAN DISTRIBUTOR**

**WESTBOROUGH, MA, February 18, 2011** - Viking Systems, Inc. (OTC BB:VKNG), a leading worldwide developer, manufacturer and marketer of 3D and 2D visualization solutions for complex minimally invasive surgery, has signed a distribution agreement with Universal Medicalcare to sell its new 3DHD Vision System in Mexico.

Jed Kennedy, President and CEO of Viking Systems said, "This agreement increases our footprint in the Latin American market, and is another example of the worldwide interest in our new 3DHD Vision System. With its potential to improve the quality of patient care while reducing procedure time and costs, we look forward to introducing our 3DHD system for minimally invasive procedures into the Mexican market, and to partnering with Universal Medicalcare."

Universal Medicalcare is a medical products distribution company whose parent company, Universal Cargo, is one of the leading logistics companies in Mexico.

Carlos Greenham, President of Universal Medicalcare said, "We are very excited to be working with Viking Systems and its cutting edge surgical vision system. We believe many interesting opportunities exist within the Mexican healthcare market and with leading laparoscopic surgeons who have expressed interest in utilizing this 3D technology. We look forward to growing our business with this product."

**About Viking Systems, Inc.**

Viking Systems, Inc., is a leading worldwide developer, manufacturer and marketer of 3D and 2D visualization solutions for complex minimally invasive surgery. It actively markets and sells the only stand alone, cost-effective 3D system for use in minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery. Viking partners with medical device companies and healthcare facilities to provide surgeons with proprietary visualization systems enabling minimally invasive surgical procedures, which reduce patient trauma and recovery time. Viking, through its OEM products business, also designs and manufactures surgical vision systems and components for several leading medical instrument companies worldwide. For more information, please visit our website at [www.vikingsystems.com](http://www.vikingsystems.com).

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