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BENEFITS OF VIKING SYSTEMS' 3DHD VISION SYSTEM TO BE PRESENTED AT SAGES 2011

WESTBOROUGH, MA, March 16, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Viking Systems, Inc. (OTC BB: VKNG), a leading worldwide developer, manufacturer and marketer of 3D and 2D visualization solutions for complex minimally invasive surgery, announced today that its 3DHD Vision System will be the topic of a presentation at the 2011 annual meeting of the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES), March 30 – April 2, 2011 in San Antonio, Texas.

For the seventh year, SAGES, as part of the SAGES Technology Initiative, will present the Emerging Technology Session. Surgeons, physicians and scientists from academic centers as well as industry have been invited to submit abstracts for presentation. The submission guidelines indicate that topics reflecting "late breaking", "cutting-edge" or novel information are greatly encouraged.

At the upcoming SAGES meeting, J. Esteban Varela MD, Brian Benway MD and Gerald Andriole MD from the Department of Surgery, Washington University, St. Louis School of Medicine, will present their findings on their "Initial Experience with the Viking 3D/HD Laparoscopic System." Dr. Varela will present at this session on Friday, April 1st at 1:30 PM.

Jed Kennedy, President & CEO of Viking Systems, said, "We are very pleased that the submission by Dr.'s Varela, Benway and Andriole regarding their experience with our 3DHD Vision System was selected for presentation at the emerging technology session of SAGES. We believe this type of exposure will be very helpful in educating surgeons and administrators about the benefits of using our system including the possibilities for improving patient outcomes and reducing costs."

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.

This press release contains forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are estimates reflecting the best judgment of our management and involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements should, therefore, be considered in light of various important factors as described in our annual report on Form 10-K under the heading "Risk Factors" as updated from time to time by our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Statements concerning forecasts, revenue growth, profitability, production and shipment of units, future financial results, and statements using words such as "estimate", "project", "plan", "intend", "expect", "anticipate", "believe" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this press release. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or release any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this press release or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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