

VIKING SYSTEMS, INC. APPOINTS LIST OF RENOWNED OB/GYN SURGEONS TO COMPANY'S CLINICAL ADVISORY PANEL

OB/GYN Surgeons address clinical value of 3D visualization in minimally invasive gynecological surgery

(San Diego, CA – January 4, 2006) Viking Systems, Inc. (VKSYS.OB), a manufacturer of 3D laparoscopic vision systems for use in minimally invasive surgery, announced today that it has completed appointments to the Company's OB/GYN Clinical Advisory Panel. The panel, formed to address the mounting role of 3D visualization in gynecological laparoscopy, is comprised of distinguished physicians from around the country. Through their involvement, each panel member has made a commitment to further explore the added benefit 3D vision brings to the minimally invasive operating room.

"We couldn't have asked for a more experienced or prestigious group of physicians to join Viking in enhancing the clinical applications of an increasingly popular subject, 3D surgery" said Lonna Williams, Viking's Senior Vice-President, Commercial Operations. "This panel, both seasoned in research and clinical practice, aims to advance minimally invasive technique by exploring the benefits of enhanced visualization. Their enthusiasm for this subject supports our belief that the possibility of improving surgical outcomes exists with the availability 3D visualization."

Chairman of the OB/GYN Clinical Advisory Panel is Dr. Camran Nezhat, a pioneer of laparoscopic surgery, President of the Society for Laparoendoscopic Surgeons, and physician at Stanford Medical Center, a Viking Center of Excellence. Other members include:

Dr. Keith Isaacson, the current Director of Newton-Wellesley Hospital's Center for Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery, is a Board Certified specialist in Reproductive Endocrinology, Obstetrics and Gynecology. He has been an Associate Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Biology at Harvard Medical School, and the Director of the Reproductive Endocrinology program at Massachusetts General Hospital from 1992 until July 2001.

Dr. Charles H. Koh, who specializes in advanced laparoscopic surgery and has created many innovations and techniques to further the field. He lectures and performs demonstration surgeries at international meetings and courses around the world. He holds patents for a laparoscopic hysterectomy technique and a device for aiding the procedure. Dr. Koh also designed instruments widely used for laparoscopic microsurgery, which has allowed tubal reversal to be performed laparoscopically, and remain the only set of instruments for that purpose in the world today.

Dr. Anthony A. Luciano, Board Certified in Reproductive Endocrinology and Director of the Center for Fertility and Reproductive Endocrinology at New Britain General Hospital. He is recognized internationally for his advanced work and research in infertility, endometriosis, pelvic pain, advanced endoscopic and laser surgery, and menopause. He has written and lectured extensively nationally and abroad, has authored approximately 100 scientific articles and has co-authored a major surgical textbook on laser laparoscopy. Dr. Luciano was also listed in the Best Doctors in America: Northeast Region for 1996-1997; 2000-2005.

Dr. Charles E. Miller, known worldwide for his surgical skill and innovation. He serves as the Director of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at Lutheran General Hospital, and as the Medical Director of the Center for Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery at Evanston/ Northwestern and Glenbrook Hospitals. He is the co-author of more than 20 scientific papers, has been elected to the board of trustees for the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists (AAGL), and serves as an Ad hoc reviewer to Journal of the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopy.

Dr. Ceana Nezhat, a leading pioneer in the field of laparoscopic surgery and has been instrumental in modifying many established procedures performed by laparotomy to laparoscopy with similar or improved outcomes. While his primary focus is patient care, he is widely sought after for teaching and lecturing. He has conducted many courses on laparoscopic surgery and regularly serves as a medical volunteer in the U.S. and in under-developed countries. Dr. Nezhat has also co-authored two text-books and over 100 book chapters and articles and has also received numerous awards regarding his teaching and educational activities.

Dr. Steven Palter is the Medical and Scientific Director of Gold Coast IVF in Syosset, NY. He is internationally known as a pioneer in the translation of cutting edge high technology developments into surgical procedures and tools and as a leading specialist in infertility treatment and endoscopy. Formerly the Clinical Chief of Infertility at Yale University School of Medicine, he has authored dozens of articles, research papers, and book chapters, and is the recipient of numerous awards. He was elected to the Board of Trustees of the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists (AAGL) and as an officer of several other organizations. Dr. Palter is the recipient of numerous research grants, has mentored trainees from over a dozen nations, and has been invited to perform laparoscopic and hysteroscopic surgery in the US, South America, the Middle East, Europe, and Asia.

About Viking Systems Inc.

Viking Systems, Inc. (VKSY.OB) provides high performance 3D Endoscopic vision systems to hospitals for minimally invasive surgery (MIS). Viking is leveraging that position to become a market leader in bringing integrated solutions to the digital surgical environment. Our focus is to deliver integrated information, visualization, and control solutions to the surgical team, enhancing their capability and performance in MIS and complex surgical procedures. Viking Systems is headquartered in La Jolla, CA. For more information, please visit the Company's website at www.vikingsystems.com.