

VIKING SYSTEMS, INC. PARTNERS WITH THE INVESTOR RELATIONS GROUP OF NEW YORK

SAN DIEGO— May 30, 2006 — Viking Systems, Inc. (OTCBB: VKSY) has contracted with The Investor Relations Group, Inc. (IRG) of New York City to serve as its new corporate communications, investor relations and public relations company.

Viking Systems is a designer, manufacturer and marketer of advanced three- and two-dimensional vision systems for minimally invasive surgery, and an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) of cameras and other components of medical instruments. The Company's primary branded product is the *EndoSite 3Di Digital Vision System*, an advanced three-dimensional (3-D) vision system used by surgeons for complex minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery, with an initial focus on applications in urology, gynecology, bariatrics and general surgery.

IRG will strive to increase investor and industry awareness of Viking Systems and its brands within the U.S. and world markets by introducing the Company and its management to pre-qualified fund managers and analysts, as well as financial and industry media sources.

About The Investor Relations Group, Inc.

The Investor Relations Group, Inc. (IRG), founded in 1996, represents select publicly traded companies, with a unique specialization for assisting quality under-followed companies. IRG arranges one-on-one meetings for its portfolio companies with pre-qualified money managers, handling investment portfolios that range from \$10 million to \$10 billion+, selected from its proprietary contact base of more than 50,000 qualified fund managers with an investing history in small-cap stocks. IRG is a full-service corporate communications company that, among other related offerings, produces all client press releases, manages shareholder communications and acts as primary contact for the investing community. IRG also houses a full-service public relations arm that specializes in building awareness of its companies within the financial and trade media, as well as the public at large.

About Viking Systems, Inc.

Viking Systems, Inc. is a designer, manufacturer and marketer of FDA-cleared, CE Marked, high-performance laparoscopic vision systems. The Company's primary branded product is the *EndoSite 3Di Digital Vision System*, an advanced three-dimensional (3-D) vision system used by surgeons for complex minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery, with an initial focus on applications in urology, gynecology, bariatrics and general surgery. Viking also manufactures advanced two-dimensional (2-D) EndoSite 2Di Digital Vision Systems for targeted configurations and channels, as well as 2-D cameras and components, sold through strategic partner and OEM programs.

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