

VIKING SYSTEMS, INC. STRENGTHENS INTERNATIONAL EXPANSION EFFORT BY ADDING DISTRIBUTORSHIP IN SPAIN & PORTUGAL

Palex signs exclusive distribution rights for Viking's 3Di Vision System in two major European surgical markets

SAN DIEGO, May 14, 2007 (PRIME NEWSWIRE) -- Viking Systems, Inc. (OTC BB:[VKSY.OB](#) - [News](#)), a designer, manufacturer and marketer of high-performance laparoscopic vision systems for use in minimally invasive surgical (MIS) procedures, has expanded its international distribution network by partnering with the Palex Group, which has offices in Spain and Portugal. This agreement will enable Palex to market and sell Viking's 3Di Vision System technology exclusively throughout both countries. With over 50 years in business, Palex continues to be a leader in providing healthcare professionals with the most advanced technology available, making the company an ideal partner for Viking Systems and the 3Di product line.

"At Palex, our goal is to maintain the most technologically robust product offering available and we have built our reputation on our ability to partner with companies that will positively impact Spain's surgeons," said Jose Teról, Palex General Manager. "It's our pursuit for innovation that led us to Viking's 3Di Vision System. This 3D technology will change the future of minimally invasive surgery by offering surgeons and hospitals the opportunity to improve patient care in a very economic manner."

Depth perception, the missing component in these keyhole procedures, is offered through Viking's proprietary 3Di Vision System, with the added ergonomic and integrative information benefits not available with other visualization solutions. Viking's 3Di Vision System is the only minimally invasive visualization system available that offers 3D vision combined with on-demand picture-in-picture access to existing clinical information.

Stephen Heniges, Viking's Senior Vice President, Global Marketing and Clinical Development adds, "Palex is the ideal partner for Viking as they are well known for their widespread coverage and quality reputation throughout Spain and Portugal." "Numerous surgeons from these countries have contacted us expressing strong interest in our System, and now we have the partner to follow through and deliver on their requests."

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 3Di Digital Vision System, an advanced three-dimensional (3D) vision system used by surgeons for complex minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery, with an initial focus on applications in urology, gynecology, bariatric and general surgery. Viking also manufactures advanced two-dimensional (2D) 2Di Digital Vision Systems for targeted configurations and channels, as well as 2D cameras and components, sold through strategic partners and OEM programs.

About Palex Group

Since 1955 the Palex Group has driven to continually seek new solutions and technologies and make them available to hospitals. The primary mission of the Palex Group is to bring innovations to our hospitals with complete technical and marketing support. PALEX MEDICAL SA is structured in nine divisions, whose product lines cover the fields of anaesthesiology, resuscitation, critical care, surgery, nephrology, urology, gynaecology, pneumology, orthopaedic surgery and traumatology, "in vitro" diagnosis, cardiac surgery, vascular surgery, electrophysiology, haemodynamics, interventional radiology, haematology, furniture systems and logistics equipment, and robotics. LUSO PALEX LDA was created in 1996 and the PALEX GROUP started operations in Portugal with the same corporate and service philosophy which was being developed in Spain.