

3D Video Captured With Viking Systems' Next Generation Visualization System Showcased at the 12th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery

WESTBOROUGH, Mass., April 14, 2010 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Viking Systems (OTCBB:VKNG) announced today that video captured during preclinical evaluations of the Viking 3DHD prototype visualization system will be shown in the Sony booth during the 12th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery to be held at the Gaylord National Hotel in National Harbor, Maryland from April 14 - 17, 2010. A central focus of the 12th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery is "The World of Technique." The program will highlight different surgical techniques and strategies from around the world. A world-class faculty will emphasize surgical techniques using didactics, images, and video to address both established and novel therapeutic modalities from North America and beyond.

"Once again, we are proud that Sony has chosen to use video captured with the Next Generation Viking System 3DHD Visualization System to demonstrate the future of minimally invasive surgical vision, especially at this venue and gathering of the world's elite MIS surgeons," said Jed Kennedy, President and CEO of Viking Systems, Inc. "This will be a great opportunity for this large group of minimally invasive surgeons to view firsthand the quality of the stand alone, cost effective 3DHD imaging Viking plans to introduce later this year," Kennedy added.

In October 2009, at the American College of Surgeon's annual Clinical Congress in Chicago, Viking first demonstrated the "Next Generation" 3DHD camera system in an interactive format utilizing a prototype Sony 3DHD flat panel display. Then again, in November, at MEDICA, the world's largest medical device exposition held every year in Dusseldorf, Viking and Sony teamed up to present the technology combination.

Since then, Viking Systems has taken steps it believes will lead to the successful launch of the Next Generation 3DHD System currently planned to take place in the fourth quarter of 2010. Successful preclinical, multi specialty evaluations of the system were recently completed.

About Viking Systems, Inc.

Viking Systems, Inc. is a leading worldwide developer, manufacturer and marketer of 2D and 3D visualization solutions for complex minimally invasive surgery. The Company 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. For more information visit the Company's 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, procedure growth, 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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