

Viking Systems' 3DHD Receives Enthusiastic Response at the 12th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery

WESTBOROUGH, Mass., April 20, 2010 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) – Viking Systems announced today that preclinical surgical video created using a Viking Systems' "Next Generation" 3DHD prototype visualization system displayed on a Sony prototype medical grade 3D HD monitor was enthusiastically received during The 12th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery held at the Gaylord National Hotel in National Harbor, Maryland held from April 14 - 17, 2010.

Sony announced April 14th that the surgery displayed at the Congress was conducted at a major medical center in Durham, N.C. using Viking Systems' "Next Generation" 3DHD System, with the output displayed on a Sony prototype medical grade, 24-inch 3D HD monitor and recorded on Sony's new SRW-5800 3D-capable recorder. The procedure was performed on the gallbladder of an adult pig. Evan Krachman, Sony Marketing Manager, Surgical Applications, stated, "Sony is committed to developing 3D technologies for the surgical market. Our experience in manufacturing high-performance video technology for the broadcast and video industries allowed us to deliver high-quality HD to the surgical field, and now we're further extending that expertise by delivering an even higher level of detail and texture with 3D."

Sony's announcement went further to report that Eric J. DeMaria, M.D. said, "Using 3D cameras in the OR has changed my sense of depth and space while performing minimally invasive surgery. In our recent tests, Sony's technology has helped provide a truer visual experience – similar to that of natural sight, even when performing laparoscopic surgical tasks deep within the abdominal cavity." Jed Kennedy, President & CEO of Viking Systems, Inc. stated, "Dr. DeMaria's comments are consistent with what we have heard from other surgeons during preclinical evaluations of Viking's "Next Generation" 3DHD visualization system as well as the many observations made during the World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery last week."

A central focus of 12th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery was "The World of Technique." The program highlighted different surgical techniques and strategies from around the world. A world-class faculty emphasized surgical technique using didactics, images, and video addressing both established and novel therapeutic modalities from North America and beyond.

Viking Systems plans to launch its "Next Generation" 3DHD System in the fourth quarter of 2010. The system is targeted to provide the highest quality 3DHD visualization in a cost effective, standalone solution available to minimally invasive surgeons world wide.

About Viking Systems, Inc.

Viking Systems, Inc. (OTCBB: [VKNG](#) - [News](#)) 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

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