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**VIKING SYSTEMS, INC. APPOINTS JENNIFER A. SILVERMAN VICE PRESIDENT,
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-Silverman Brings 25 Years Healthcare Marketing Experience-

WESTBOROUGH, MA, October 4, 2011 - Viking Systems, Inc. (OTC BB:VKNG), a leading worldwide developer, manufacturer and marketer of 3D and 2D visualization solutions for complex minimally invasive surgery, has appointed Jennifer A. Silverman to the newly created position of Vice President, Marketing. Reporting to Jed Kennedy, President and CEO, Ms. Silverman will assume direct responsibility for developing and implementing Viking's global marketing initiatives.

Prior to joining Viking Systems, Ms. Silverman was Director, Marketing Communications for Salient Surgical. Her experience includes all facets of marketing for several medical device companies. Two of her last three director level marketing positions were with privately held medical device companies that were acquired by Medtronic and Covidien, respectively. Additionally, Ms. Silverman's background includes management positions in sales and marketing during her 11 years with Smith & Nephew's Endoscopy Division and a variety of sales and marketing positions during her seven years with medical device company, C.R. Bard. Ms. Silverman holds an MBA from Rivier College and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts.

Jed Kennedy, Viking Systems' President and CEO said "We are very pleased to announce the hiring of Jennifer as a key addition to our management team. Jennifer brings valuable experience and skills that are essential to developing our marketing function and driving sales growth. I believe her demonstrated success in both smaller and large medical device organizations along with her vast marketing knowledge and experience make her the right choice to create and lead our marketing function."

About Viking Systems, Inc.

Viking Systems, Inc. is a leading worldwide developer, manufacturer and marketer of 3D and 2D visualization solutions for complex minimally invasive surgery. It actively markets and sells the only stand alone, FDA cleared, cost-effective 3D system for use in minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery. Viking 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. Viking, through its OEM products business, also designs and manufactures surgical vision systems and components for several leading medical instrument companies worldwide. For more information, please visit our 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, profitability, production and shipment of units, 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.