Alternative Surgical Robot In The Works

Viking Systems, Inc. (OTCBB:VKNG), a developer, manufacturer and marketer of 3D and 2D visualization solutions for complex minimally invasive surgery, announces that its 3DHD system has been selected as the vision component of an alternative, cost-effective surgical robotic system demonstration that will be featured at the European Association of Urology (EAU) Annual Meeting which will be held in Vienna, March 18-22. Terumo Corporation's Kymerax Articulating Surgical instruments and the ergonomic ETHOS Surgical Platform will also be featured in the alternative, cost-effective surgical robotic system demonstration.

Jed Kennedy, President & CEO of Viking Systems, said, "We are honored to have been invited by the EAU to participate in this important and timely demonstration. Since part of our strategy is to explore opportunities to integrate our 3D systems with technologies that are being developed as alternatives to current surgical robotic systems in an effort to broaden the market for our 3DHD visualization system, this collaboration with Terumo Corporation and ETHOS Surgical at the EAU meeting not only furthers our strategy but also validates our belief that surgeons are seeking an alternative solution to the expensive surgical robotic systems on the market today."

Craig Turner, MD, CEO and Founder of ETHOS Surgical, said, "Collaborating with the most advanced technologies available today and combining them with traditional laparoscopic operative practices will enable surgeons to perform complex operations in comfort with 3D visualization, precision, dexterity, accuracy and ergonomic support. This is a new and exciting paradigm shift in the definition of robotic or biomechanical surgery."

This combination of three independent systems provides the surgeon with three of the primary advantages of current robotic surgery. These advantages are: (1) a three dimensional view of the laparoscopic surgical field, (2) the precision and dexterity of articulating instruments, and (3) the comfort of operating from a seated position in the midline.

Masao Hitotsuyanagi, General Manager of Terumo Europe N.V.'s TRAM Business Unit, added, "I believe the combination of Terumo's Kymerax Articulating Instruments, the Viking 3DHD system, and the ETHOS Platform will demonstrate the potential of a next-generation surgical robot system."

Viking launched its 3DHD Visualization System in October 2010 and began shipping product in December. Immediate focus was on building a distributor network, and a majority of the systems shipped to date have been demonstration systems for these distributors. These free-standing systems for 3D vision in the operating room are a core focus of the Company. At the same time, Viking has been exploring opportunities to supply 3D systems to companies developing surgical robotics

and/or device companies interested in visualization for use with robotic systems and/or for use with advanced hand-held articulating surgical instruments. The Company has had discussions with several such companies and is evaluating opportunities to broaden the market for its 3DHD visualization system.

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