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## **Surgical Innovations Group plc**

("Surgical Innovations", "SI" or the "Company")

#### Distalmotion's Dexter Robot receives CE Mark

Surgical Innovations Group plc (AIM: SUN), the designer, manufacturer and distributor of innovative medical technology for minimally invasive surgery ("MIS"), announces that Distalmotion SA, a Swiss-based medical device company providing robotic surgery systems on a transparent and fair per-procedure cost ("Distalmotion"), has received European CE Mark for its 'Dexter' surgical robot. Manufactured in Switzerland, Dexter combines the affordability of laparoscopy with the benefits of robotic surgery to bring simplicity and versatility in minimally invasive surgical care.

Elemental Healthcare Limited, a wholly owned SI subsidiary, has exclusive UK distribution rights for the Dexter Robot.

The European CE mark remains valid in the UK post Brexit.

Adam Power, SI Group Development Director, commented: "The UK minimally invasive surgical robot market has been dominated by a single, expensive and very complex robot for nearly two decades. Dexter is designed to integrate readily into existing laparoscopic procedures and its simplicity and versatility makes robotics accessible for a wider range of procedures. The regulatory approval of the Dexter operating robot now allows the introduction of a disruptive robotic model to UK healthcare. The ease of use, affordability and Swiss manufacturing excellence will be significant factors in the growth opportunity for this new robot."

**Michael Friedrich, CEO, Distalmotion said:** "Distalmotion are looking forward to some early successes in the important UK market with our partner, Elemental Healthcare. The NHS is especially appropriate for the Dexter strategic model of selling and we already have hospitals that are some way into the process of product acquisition."

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## **About Surgical Innovations Group plc**

The Group specialises in the design, manufacture, sale and distribution of innovative, high quality medical products, primarily for use in minimally invasive surgery. Our product and business development is guided and supported by a key group of nationally and internationally renowned surgeons across the spectrum of minimally invasive surgical activity.

We design and manufacture and source our branded port access systems, surgical instruments and retraction devices which are sold directly in the UK home market through our subsidiary, Elemental Healthcare, and exported widely through a global network of trusted distribution partners. Many of our products in this field are based on a "resposable" concept, in which the products are part re-usable, part disposable, offering a high quality and environmentally responsible solution at a cost that is competitive against fully disposable alternatives.

Elemental also has exclusive UK distribution for a select group of specialist products employed in laparoscopy, bariatric and metabolic surgery, hernia repair and breast reconstruction.

In addition, we design and develop medical devices for carefully selected OEM partners, and have also collaborated with a major UK industrial partner to provide precision engineering solutions to complex problems outside the medical arena.

We aim for our brands to be recognised and respected by healthcare professionals in all major geographical markets in which we operate and provide by development, partnership or acquisition a broad portfolio of cost effective, procedure specific surgical instruments and implantable devices that offer reliable solutions to genuine clinical needs in the operating theatre environment.

The Group currently employs approximately 100 people across two sites in the UK. Product design, engineering and manufacturing are carried out at the SI site in Yorkshire. Commercial activities including marketing, UK distribution and international sales and marketing are based at Elemental Healthcare in Berkshire.

## **Further information**

Further details of the Group's businesses are available on the following websites:

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