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RF Surgical™ Detection System Offers Proven Product Safety in the Clinical Environment

Bellevue, WA—A recent article in JAMA (June 25, 2008) has raised questions among manufacturers and users of RF technology devices for healthcare. The study at an Amsterdam hospital (van der Togt, et.al) suggests that RFID devices compromise the proper function of medical devices through electromagnetic interference (EMI) and, consequently, pose a risk to patients.

The RFID readers tested (Feig Electronic's Obid-iscan UHF and Avonwood's Eureka) are commercially available for use in applications such as manufacturing and asset tracking, supply chain and event management.

Unlike the readers described above, the RF Surgical Detection System is a medical device that is specifically designed and tested for use in hospital operating room settings. The system, developed by RF Surgical Systems, Inc., has been tested and certified by an independent laboratory to meet the IEC 60601-1-2 International electrical safety standards for conducted radio frequency and electromagnetic interference (EMI).

The RF Surgical Detection System has been reviewed and approved by the US FDA and European CE authorities specifically for use in the clinical/OR setting. Over 25,000 clinical cases have been performed using the system with no reports of adverse impact to other medical devices.

We at RF Surgical Systems, Inc. appreciate all efforts to improve healthcare safety. The RF Surgical Detection System meets the challenge presented by the Amsterdam study with proven product safety and will continue to play an important role in improving clinical safety and efficiency by reducing the risk of retained surgical objects.

About RF Surgical Systems, Inc.

RF Surgical Systems is a privately held medical device company headquartered in Bellevue, Washington and maintains engineering R & D facilities in San Diego, California. The concept of the RF Surgical Detection System originated over ten years ago by Dr. Jeffrey Port a Thoracic surgeon and Mr. William Blair an electrical engineer. The company's RF Surgical Detection System is the first and only FDA-approved surgical sponge detection system on the market. For more information, please visit www.rfsurg.com.

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