



iSTAR Medical and Pioneer expand distribution agreement to Taiwan

Isnes, Belgium and Shanghai, China (October 3, 2013) – [iSTAR Medical SA](#), a privately held ophthalmic device company, announced today an agreement with China Pioneer Pharma Holdings Limited (Pioneer) to distribute STARflo Glaucoma Implant in Taiwan. This adds to Pioneer’s original exclusive territory, the People’s Republic of China.

STARflo™ Glaucoma Implant will be available for sale in China and Taiwan following product registration in each country.

Glaucoma is the leading cause of irreversible blindness worldwide. By 2020, it is estimated that 80 million people in the world will have the disease. In Taiwan, approximately 1-2% of the 23 million population is afflicted with glaucoma. Elevated intraocular pressure is considered a major risk factor for glaucoma and its progression.

About iSTAR Medical

iSTAR Medical SA is a Belgian ophthalmic device company and subsidiary of Healionics Corporation USA. Its mission is to improve the lives of patients suffering from eye diseases and disorders. iSTAR's initial focus is to develop ophthalmic implants made from STAR® Biomaterial for treating glaucoma. www.istarmed.com

About Pioneer

Established in 1996, China Pioneer Pharma Holdings Limited is a top-ranked importer and distributor of ophthalmic devices, equipment, and pharmaceuticals from leading global companies including Alcon. Pioneer currently markets 27 different pharmaceutical products across a wide range of therapeutic categories on behalf of its strategic partners. The company has over 34 representative offices across China and covers over 7,500 hospitals and 40,000 drugstores. Pioneer Dynamic Pharmaceutical Inc. is the subsidiary of Pioneer in Taiwan established in early 2013. www.pioneer-pharma.com

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