



## **iSTAR Medical wins €3.6m grant for STARflo PLUS™ glaucoma implant system**

**Isnes, Belgium (September 14, 2012)** – [iSTAR Medical SA](#) announced today that its STARflo PLUS™ project was awarded a €3.6 million collaborative research grant from Belgium’s [Région Wallonne](#) government in coordination with the region’s health competitiveness cluster [BioWin](#).

iSTAR recruited fellow Wallonia-based partners Université catholique de Louvain (UCL), Université de Liège (ULg), and Neurotech SA to form a world-class consortium in the fields of biomaterials, bioengineering, microelectronics, biosensors, implant systems integration, and glaucoma disease management to help research and develop STARflo PLUS.

STARflo PLUS aims to be a breakthrough medical implant system for glaucoma patients by combining the latest advances in biomaterials, biosensors, and telemedicine technologies.

“Our consortium partners, and the greater glaucoma community, appreciate this significant support and validation from the Région Wallonne, BioWin, and their respective scientific juries,” stated Michel Alvarez, CEO of iSTAR. He added, “We are excited to advance this promising disease management solution for the millions of people suffering from glaucoma and at risk of blindness.”

### **About iSTAR Medical SA**

iSTAR Medical SA is a Belgium-based spinout of [Healionics Corporation](#). Its mission is to improve the lives of patients suffering from eye diseases and disorders. [www.istarmed.com](http://www.istarmed.com)

### **About Université catholique de Louvain (ELEN + IMCN/BSMA/Surf)**

UCL/ELEN specializes in designing, fabricating and characterizing miniaturized, ultra low-power, sensors and electronics integrated in Silicon-on-Insulator technology. [www.uclouvain.be/en-icteam.html](http://www.uclouvain.be/en-icteam.html)

### **About Université de Liège**

ULg ophthalmology department works closely with le Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Liège (CHU Liege) to research ophthalmic diseases and disorders. [www.ophtalmo.ulg.ac.be](http://www.ophtalmo.ulg.ac.be)

### **About Neurotech SA**

Neurotech SA was incorporated in 1996 to design, develop, manufacture and market active implantable medical devices for the treatment of debilitating disorders by neurostimulation. [www.neurotech.be](http://www.neurotech.be)

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