



iSTAR Medical signs exclusive distributor agreement with OftalMedica of Italy

Isnes, Belgium and Torrette, Italy (April 16, 2013) – iSTAR Medical SA, an ophthalmic device company based in Belgium, announced today it has signed an exclusive distributor agreement with OftalMedica srl, a leading ophthalmic products company in Italy.

OftalMedica will distribute iSTAR's first product, the STARflo™ Glaucoma Implant, on an exclusive basis in Italy.

STARflo is a spongy, tissue-friendly, suprachoroidal seton designed for bleb-free intraocular pressure (IOP) reduction in patients suffering from open angle glaucoma. STARflo received CE Mark approval in May 2012 and has begun a limited market rollout phase in select countries across Europe and the Asia-Pacific region. STARflo is made from non-degradable, precision-pore STAR® Biomaterial supplied exclusively by Healionics Corporation.

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. According to the European Glaucoma Society, approximately one million people in Italy are afflicted with glaucoma. Elevated intraocular pressure is considered a major risk factor for glaucoma and its progression.

"OftalMedica is one of the leading ophthalmic products distributors in Italy, and we look forward to working with their dynamic team," said Michel Alvarez, CEO of iSTAR Medical.

"OftalMedica is excited about a strategic partnership with iSTAR and looks forward to aiding in their worldwide growth," added Benedetto Sgroi, CEO of OftalMedica.

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 OftalMedica

OftalMedica proudly unleashed itself in March 2009. We approach the industry with inspiring ideas and enthusiasm, but most importantly, with over thirty years of experience. Our company stems from the powerful merger of two very successful companies Oftalmica s.r.l. (1979) and Delphi Medica (1987). We have invested resources and created strategies to be alongside our customers guaranteeing them the latest technology in ophthalmology. www.oftalmedica.it

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