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SANDVIK COMPLETES ACQUISITION OF MEDTRONIC'S MEMPHIS MANUFACTURING OPERATION

The Sandvik Group has completed the acquisition of Medtronic's manufacturing operation in Memphis and has entered into a long-term supply agreement to contract manufacture spinal instruments for Medtronic.

Ken Birdsong, President of Sandvik Medical Solutions says: "This move is another step in Sandvik's plan to become a stronger strategic supply partner to medical device OEMs. The Memphis facility has a leading position in the spinal instrumentation segment, and complements Sandvik's existing orthopedics, spine and materials technology capabilities. "

Sandvik has leading-edge expertise in R&D, materials technology and development, surface and powder technology, casting, forging and machining and offers a wide range of advanced material product forms to the medical segment. By combining these capabilities with those of the Memphis manufacturing operation, Sandvik will become a stronger player in the medical instrumentation contract manufacturing segment, able to provide an expanded level of service to customers. This will encompass device concept, materials development and selection, manufacturing and final surface treatment and coating.

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Sandvik Materials Technology is one of three business areas within the Sandvik Group and is a world-leading developer and manufacturer of advanced alloys and ceramic materials. The business area delivers innovative products and system solutions to a broad range of industries with high demands on safety, performance and productivity. Products and materials are developed in close cooperation with key customers. Annual sales are approximately SEK 22,500 M with 9,100 employees.

Sandvik Materials Technology has six product areas: Tube, Strip, Wire, Kanthal, Process Systems and MedTech. www.smt.sandvik.com

Sandvik Materials Technology's current business within the medical segment

Sandvik MedTech is one of six product areas within Sandvik Materials Technology. It is comprised of Sandvik Medical Solutions for contract manufacturing services and Sandvik Bioline for advanced medical materials. Sandvik Medical Solutions is a world leader within implant and instrument manufacture for orthopedics and spine. Sandvik Bioline offers a wide range of semi-finished products (bar, precision strip and wire and seamless tubes) in advanced materials, such as high alloyed stainless steels and titanium, to the medical and dental segment. The products and materials are, for example, used in medical implants (hip joints, bone nails/screws etc), surgical instruments (scalpels, bone saws, surgical needles etc) and other highly advanced medical devices (pacemakers etc). www.smt.sandvik.com/medical