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- Martin Frost, Co-founder and Non-Executive Director of CMR Surgical, awarded a Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

CAMBRIDGE, UK – 10th OCTOBER 2020. 00:01 (BST). CMR Surgical is delighted to congratulate Martin Frost, one of the company’s founders, former CEO and now Non-Executive Director, on being awarded a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in Her Majesty The Queen’s Birthday Honours List, for his services to British industry.

Mr Frost co-founded CMR Surgical in 2014 with a mission to help millions of people around the world get keyhole (minimal access) surgery and to benefit from the multiple advantages this type of surgery brings. To address this need, CMR Surgical created the Versius® Surgical Robotic System. Versius has now been deployed across the UK, France, and India over the past year.

Mr Frost has previously been involved in starting and leading numerous technology and life science companies including the Cambridge technology consultancy, Sagentia. Martin was recognised as UK ‘Disruptor’ of the year in the EY 2019 Entrepreneur of the Year awards and ‘Executive of the Year’ at the 2019 MedTech Insight awards recognising his success in taking CMR from inception to global commercialisation.

As well as being a Non-Executive Director at CMR Surgical, Mr Frost continues to work alongside and mentor young leaders and purpose-driven companies in the diagnostic, medical devices and energy sectors including Cyted CB2tech, and Creavo. Earlier in 2020 Martin took up the Chair of Peek Vision, a social enterprise bringing sustainable access to eye health across the world, spun out of from The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Lord David Prior, Chair of NHS England said: “The development of a surgical robot by CMR is a triumph of British technology and entrepreneurship. CMR have taken on and beaten some of the world’s biggest companies. I have met Martin all over the world, from India, Europe and the USA, as he has tirelessly presented the CMR robot to healthcare systems. The UK led the first industrial revolution, CMR has shown us that we can lead the fourth.”

Per Vegard Nerseth, Chief Executive Officer of CMR Surgical commented: “On behalf of everyone at CMR, I’m delighted to congratulate Martin on being awarded a CBE. This is fantastic recognition for someone who has dedicated his career to helping people around the world through the use of advanced technology in a way that significantly improves their lives. We owe a debt of gratitude to him for his vision and drive in creating CMR Surgical to help transform surgery for good.”

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Notes to Editors:
The Versius® Surgical Robotic System
Versius® resets expectations of robotic surgery. Versius fits into virtually any operating room set-up and integrates seamlessly into existing workflows, increasing the likelihood of robotic minimal access surgery (MAS). The portable and modular design of Versius allows the surgeon to only use the number of arms needed for a given procedure.

Biomimicking the human arm, Versius gives surgeons the choice of optimised port placement alongside the dexterity and accuracy of small fully-wristed instruments. With 3D HD vision, easy-to adopt instrument control and a choice of ergonomic working positions, the open surgeon console has the potential to reduce stress and fatigue and allows for clear communication with the surgical team. By thinking laparoscopically and operating robotically with Versius, patients, surgeons and healthcare professionals can all benefit from the value that robotic MAS brings.

About CMR Surgical Limited
CMR Surgical (CMR) is a global medical devices company dedicated to transforming surgery with Versius®, a next-generation surgical robot.

Headquartered in Cambridge, United Kingdom, CMR is committed to working with surgeons, surgical teams and hospital partners, to provide an optimal tool to make robotic minimal access surgery universally accessible and affordable. With Versius, we are on a mission to redefine the surgical robotics market with practical, innovative technology and data that can improve surgical care.

Founded in 2014, CMR Surgical is a private limited company backed by an international shareholder base.