CMR Surgical extends training programme through new partnership with ORSI

- Versius to be integrated into Orsi Academy’s robotic surgery training programmes
- CMR and Orsi Academy look to use partnership to shape future training programmes to improve standards of robotic surgery

**Cambridge, United Kingdom. 3 February 2021, 00:01 (GMT).** CMR Surgical (CMR) today announced a partnership with Orsi Academy, a world-renowned training centre based in Melle, Belgium, which provides validated, academically certified tuition on next-generation techniques for minimal access surgery. The integration of the Versius® Surgical Robotic System into Orsi Academy training programmes provides a new opportunity for surgeons across the world to access robotic surgery training.

**Professor Alexandre Mottrie, Chief Executive Officer for Orsi Academy:** “We are pleased to confirm our training partnership with CMR Surgical – a company at the forefront of developing the latest robotic technology with its Versius system. We pride ourselves on working collaboratively with industry and using research-driven insights to help improve best practice across different types of surgery. As well as the precision and portability of Versius, its digital capabilities in recording data will become integral to our training programmes.”

CMR invests heavily in training, with the CMR training programme consisting of multiple stages including: Versius e-learning, Versius trainer, residential training – where CMR partners with Orsi Academy to deliver hands-on training – which is then followed by CMR’s hospital installation and set-up. With the introduction of Versius into the operating theatre, there is an opportunity to use the data collected from Versius procedures to enhance surgical training. Versius acts as an interface between the surgeon and the patient, collecting data which can be used to inform future training programmes and improve surgical care.

**Mark Slack, Chief Medical Officer for CMR Surgical commented:** “When designing Versius, we wanted to create a unique system that had the potential to transform surgery and help ensure as many patients as possible are able to access the benefits of MAS. Combining the clinical expertise of Orsi Academy with the technical capabilities of Versius, we are confident that robotic MAS will increasingly become the worldwide standard of care.”

Versius has created significant opportunity for the greater adoption of MAS, with over 1,000 surgeries now complete. Versius is currently being used in healthcare systems across India and Europe, with further market expansion expected to be announced shortly.

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About Orsi Academy
Orsi Academy is worldwide recognized as a training and expertise center in the field of new technologies, including minimally invasive surgery and robotic surgery. Thanks to an ambitious investment project in Melle (Ghent, Belgium), Orsi Academy has built an open and inclusive ecosystem in which doctors, scientists, engineers and industrialists connect to demonstrate and advance innovative medical technologies, thus increasing the quality and the security of modern healthcare.

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.

But it's more than just a robot. Versius captures meaningful data with its wider digital ecosystem to support a surgeon’s continuous learning. Through the Versius Connect app, Versius Trainer and CMR clinical registry, Versius unleashes a wealth of insights to ultimately improve surgical care.

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 private limited company backed by an international shareholder base.