

Integra LifeSciences Announces In-Kind Donation of Over \$1 Million in Medical Instruments to Direct Relief International

PLAINSBORO, N.J., Feb 18, 2009 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- Integra LifeSciences Holdings Corporation (Nasdaq:IART) completed an in-kind donation of over \$1 million worth of medical instruments and devices to Direct Relief International, a non-profit, non-sectarian humanitarian assistance organization.

"Integra's contribution will equip trained clinicians, so they can provide care that otherwise would be unavailable for patients who need it," said Direct Relief President and CEO Thomas Tighe. "It is a wonderful, enabling contribution that will translate directly and immediately into improved care for patients in very high-need areas."

The Integra surgical instruments and equipment will be sent to hospitals and clinics Direct Relief supports, to be used in their surgical suites, or out-patient dental or burn units.

Founded in 1948, Direct Relief International is a Santa Barbara-based nonprofit organization focused on improving the quality of life by bringing critically needed medicines and supplies to local healthcare providers worldwide. Direct Relief works in 59 countries and has delivered more than \$1 billion in privately funded humanitarian medical aid to health professionals serving impoverished communities since 2000. For more information, please visit <u>www.DirectRelief.org</u>.

Integra LifeSciences Holdings Corporation, a world leader in regenerative medicine, is dedicated to improving the quality of life for patients through the development, manufacturing, and marketing of clinically relevant, innovative and cost-effective surgical implants and medical instruments. The company's products are used to treat millions of patients every year, primarily in neurosurgery, orthopedics and general surgery. Integra's headquarters are in Plainsboro, New Jersey, and it has research and manufacturing facilities throughout the world. <u>www.Integra-LS.com</u>.

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