

Surgical Innovations Group plc (AIM: SUN), the designer and manufacturer of creative solutions for minimally invasive surgery ('MIS'), announces the appointment of Consultant Paediatric Urologist surgeon Henrik Steinbrecher to its Clinical Advisory Board ('CAB') with immediate effect.

Henrik Steinbrecher, BSc, MB.BS, FRCS, MS, FRCS (Paeds), will be the first Consultant Paediatric Urologist to join the UK CAB at SI. Henrik previously worked as a Consultant in Paediatric Urology specialising in Paediatric Surgery and Minimally Invasive Surgery at Southampton Hospital NHS Trust. Henrik is currently a consultant at Southampton University Hospital NHS Trust where he has been a consultant since 1998. Henrik has been an executive member of the Royal College of Paediatrics ('RCPCH') Clinical Directors Group from April 2004-June 2006, has been an advisor on Simulation Training for Specialist Advisory Committee ('SAC') in Paediatric Surgery, was a founding member of the British Association of Paediatric Endoscopic Surgeons in 1999 and President of this Association in 2010-2012. He was also a founding member of The European Society of Paediatric Endoscopic Surgeons in 2009-2010.

SI's focus is to expand into the paediatric market this coming year with an advanced range of innovative 3mm laparoscopic devices for 'Ultra' MIS, which can be used in all areas of general surgery, especially MIS in children. Having Henrik on the CAB will help SI's strategy in further development of their innovative products.

Graham Bowland, Chief Executive Officer for Surgical Innovations, said: "We are delighted to welcome Henrik to the CAB, his expertise in Paediatric surgery will help SI focus in this specialist area. The CAB now includes key opinion leaders from different specialties of MIS and ensures that we remain at the forefront of MIS product development."