

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

Romain Pizzi, BVsc, Msc, DZooMed, MACVSc (Surg), FRES, FRGS, MRCVS, is the only veterinary surgeon in the UK to specialise in minimally invasive keyhole surgery for wildlife and has had strong links with SI for many years helping drive awareness of Surgical's MIS products. Romain has previously worked in veterinary private practice, academia, and numerous charities and NGOs developing MIS in domestic and exotic animal species since 2006. Romain was the first vet to ever perform keyhole surgery on a reindeer at Edinburgh Zoo in 2009, using surgical instruments donated by SI. He is a veterinary surgeon at the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, Edinburgh Zoo, as well as at the Scottish SPCA's (Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals) National Wildlife Rescue Centre, and is a Special Lecturer in Zoo and Wildlife Medicine at the University of Nottingham.

Romain brings with him great knowledge of the Company's laparoscopic devices, especially the innovative 3mm instruments, having performed over 600 keyhole MIS procedures on zoo and wild animals. He is a talented natural speaker and communicator having presented for the BBC and Discovery's Animal Planet channel, and spoken at several UK surgical conferences where he has passed on his understanding of SI's MIS instruments to other surgeons working in human healthcare. Romain will provide SI with substantial PR opportunities moving forward.

Graham Bowland, Chief Executive Officer for Surgical Innovations, said: "We are delighted to bring Romain to the CAB, having had strong links with him for many years this seems an appropriate move forward. Romain can bring his wealth of knowledge of MIS instruments from the veterinary world to surgeons working in human healthcare and will be a great ambassador for the Company. Having Romain on the CAB will strengthen the profile of SI's instruments and will help further develop our innovative to their particular needs."