



MED-EL USA Announces Leadership Transition

August 2, 2013 – (Durham, NC) – MED-EL USA today announced that Ray Gamble will be taking the helm of U.S. operations as CEO and President of North America, effective immediately. After seven years with MED-EL, Richard (Dick) Collette has made the decision to step down.

"We appreciate Dick's contributions to MED-EL's growth in the U.S., and through several major product launches," said Ingeborg Hochmair, CEO, MED-EL. "We look forward to Ray's leadership as we continue to bring life-changing hearing implant technology to the market."

Ray has more than 17 years of experience with hearing implant technology and embodies MED-EL's vision for innovative research and technology, as well as the company's mission for quality service and support to professionals and recipients. He most recently served as the leader of MED-EL's Canadian Operations, a position he has held since 2008.

About MED-EL

MED-EL Medical Electronics is a leading provider of hearing implant systems worldwide offering the broadest portfolio of hearing implant solutions. The company was founded by Austrian scientists and industry pioneers Ingeborg and Erwin Hochmair, who together developed the world's first microelectronic, multichannel, cochlear implant. In 1990, they laid the foundation for the successful growth of the company when they hired their first employees. To date, the privately held company has more than 1,500 employees around the world.

The cochlear implant was and remains the first replacement of a human sense, the sense of hearing. Today, MED-EL offers the widest range of implantable solutions worldwide to treat the various degrees of hearing loss, including cochlear and middle ear implant systems.

MED-EL's mission is to overcome hearing loss as a barrier to communication and quality of life. Individuals in more than 100 countries enjoy the gift of hearing with a MED-EL Hearing Implant System.

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