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Dear Sirs,

Please note that Fortis Healthcare Ltd and International Centre for Robotic Surgery (ICRS) have jointly announced a state-of-the-art robotic surgery centre, christened 'Fortis International Centre for Robotic Surgery' (Fortis ICRS). Fortis ICRS centres will be set up across the Fortis network, starting with Fortis Escorts Heart Institute in New Delhi, followed by Mumbai, Gurgaon, Bangalore, Chennai, Kolkata and tier II cities like Mohali and Jaipur.

A copy of Press Release, being released by the Company in this regard, is enclosed for your reference and records please.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
for Fortis Healthcare Limited

FORTIS HEALTHCARE LTD. NEW DELHI

Ruchi Mahajan
Company Secretary

Encl: As above

Fortis Healthcare and world-renowned Dr. Sudhir Srivastava to jointly launch Fortis International Centre for Robotic Surgery in India

New Delhi, February 17, 2011: Fortis Healthcare Ltd, India's fastest growing hospital network, and International Centre for Robotic Surgery (ICRS) jointly announced a state-of-the-art robotic surgery centre, christened 'Fortis International Centre for Robotic Surgery' (Fortis ICRS). Fortis ICRS centres will be set up across the Fortis network, starting with Fortis Escorts Heart Institute in New Delhi, followed by Mumbai, Gurgaon, Bangalore, Chennai, Kolkata and tier II cities like Mohali and Jaipur.

Fortis ICRS will bring the latest robotic surgery procedures to patients in India at a much lower cost. It will offer the full spectrum of robotic heart, lung, urology, gynaecology, general, head and neck surgeries. These surgeries will be performed by highly experienced robotic surgeons from the United States and other countries with their support teams, in conjunction with surgical teams at Fortis hospitals.

Announcing the launch of Fortis ICRS, **Mr. Shivinder M Singh, Managing Director, Fortis Healthcare Ltd** said, "The launch of Fortis International Centre for Robotic Surgery is another step forward in Fortis' untiring commitment to providing cutting-edge medical technology and the finest in patient safety. This centre further elevates the profile of our medical programmes and we are proud to offer these world-class services in India, at a fraction of the cost prevalent overseas."

Talking about this launch, **Dr. Sudhir Srivastava, Founding Chairman and Managing Director of ICRS, said,** "It is integral for us to partner with a healthcare institution that shares our values of maintaining international standards in healthcare delivery. With this alliance, more and more patients in India will benefit from robotic surgery."

Dr. Sudhir Srivastava, honoured with the Bharat Gaurav Award, has performed more than 1200 robotic cardiothoracic surgical procedures – more than any other surgeon in the world. **He added,** "World over, robotic operation has added value to solving key challenges in the healthcare sector, such as management of chronic diseases, nursing shortages and high treatment costs. With robotic surgery, highly complex surgical procedures that normally require large open incisions can be performed with tiny holes utilizing robotic assistance. The key advantages in such surgery are enhanced precision and reduced trauma. Patients also have less pain, and fewer complications, which translates into faster recovery and shorter hospital stays."

Benefits of robotic surgery for patients:

- Precise operation
- Less trauma
- Less pain
- Less blood loss and fewer transfusions
- Faster functional recovery
- Lesser complications
- Lesser risk of wound infections
- Shorter hospital stay leading to reduced medical expenses

Describing his vision, **Dr. Nikhil Shah, renowned robotic Urologist at ICRS** said, "Smart phones, wireless and other computer innovations are leading the way in technology. Similarly, in the world of Surgery, robotics is spreading like wildfire. I applaud ICRS and Fortis for creating a unique partnership that brings robotic experts to India, allowing for collaboration with India's most talented and acclaimed surgeons."

Fortis ICRS will be staffed by a highly experienced team comprised of the world's finest robotic surgeons, with a collective experience of more than 15,000 surgeries. The launch of the centre opens up new

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vistas in patient care in the country and offers immense training opportunities for aspiring surgeons. The centre will have an integrated approach to clinical services, training and research. It will offer research and fellowship programmes; and plans are underway to create a university level programme in the field of robotic surgery.

Fortis has developed strong competencies in the fields of Minimally Invasive Surgery (MIS), laparoscopic and robotic surgery, with several hospitals offering specialised medical services in these advanced clinical areas. Fortis Escorts Heart Institute, New Delhi was one of the first hospitals in India to acquire the *da Vinci®* Surgical System and offer the robotic option to its cardiac patients. Fortis ICRS will be ready to start robotic surgeries at Fortis Escorts Heart Institute, beginning March 10, 2011.

About Fortis Healthcare Limited

Fortis Healthcare Limited is committed to clinical excellence and patient-centric healthcare, which is manifest in hospital design, patient services, medical programmes and the compassionate approach of medical and non-medical hospital staff. Fortis commissioned its first hospital in 2001 at Mohali, near Chandigarh, and has expanded its operations to become a network with around 8,000 bed capacity across 53 hospitals. The Fortis network has a large number of international accreditations, including four JCI (Joint Commission International) and seven NABH (National Accreditation Board for Hospitals) certifications. The network's capability covers multi-speciality hospitals and super-speciality centres that provide tertiary and quaternary healthcare to patients in the major medical specialities. For more information, please visit: www.fortishealthcare.com

About International Centre for Robotic Surgery (ICRS)

The International Centre for Robotic Surgery (ICRS) is the operating entity for Sudhir Srivastava Robotic Surgery Centre PVT LTD (SSARSC), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sudhir Srivastava Medical Innovations PVT LTD (SSMI). ICRS is dedicated to bring the advanced robotic surgery techniques to India. Through ICRS, 20 highly-skilled and some of the most experienced robotic surgeons in the world have joined hands to benefit patients in India. For more information, please visit: www.indiaroboticsurgery.com

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