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Buffalo Filter Awarded HealthTrust Contract for Surgical Smoke Evacuation Systems and Accessories

Lancaster, New York (June 1, 2015) - Buffalo Filter, a leading manufacturer of advanced medical devices headquartered outside Buffalo, N.Y., announced today that it has been awarded a contract with HealthTrust for smoke evacuation systems and accessories. The contract takes effect on July 1, 2015.

"The agreement between Buffalo Filter and HealthTrust signifies the increasing concern within the healthcare community about the hazards associated with the inhalation of surgical plume and aerosols," states Director of Marketing Kimberly Addison, "and will allow us to continue our efforts to support and help hospitals deploy technologies necessary to mitigate the hazards associated with surgical plume and aerosol exposure."

Organizations such as the Occupational Safety and Health Administration say steps should be taken to control airborne hazards. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health has issued a hazard warning indicating what measures, including the use of smoke evacuation systems, should be used to protect the health and welfare of individuals exposed to surgical smoke.

About Buffalo Filter

Buffalo Filter is a leading medical device manufacturer and supplier of surgical smoke plume evacuation equipment. Its products are used to evacuate and filter hazardous smoke plume and/or aerosols created during over 95 percent of all surgical procedures. Proven to

contain toxic gases, live cellular material (including blood fragments) and viruses, this plume may also cause respiratory and eye irritation or nausea in healthcare professionals and may create visual problems for the surgeon.

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Buffalo Filter is owned by the Filtration Group, an affiliate of Madison Industries. For more information on The Filtration Group, visit www.filtrationgroup.com.

About HealthTrust:

HealthTrust (legally known as Healthtrust Purchasing Group, L.P.) is committed to strengthening provider performance and clinical excellence through an aligned membership model and the delivery of total cost management solutions, including supply chain solutions and a contract and service portfolio unparalleled in quality, scope and value. HealthTrust (www.healthtrustpg.com) serves nearly 1,350 acute care facilities and members in more than 15,000 other locations, including ambulatory surgery centers, physician practices, long-term care and alternate care sites. Headquartered in Brentwood, Tennessee, HealthTrust is closely integrated with the proven capabilities of Parallon Business Solutions, LLC (www.parallon.com), a leading provider of healthcare business and operational services, including revenue cycle management, workforce and technology solutions. On Twitter @healthtrustpg and @parallonconnect.

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