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HALYARD AND BELINTRA ANNOUNCE NORTH AMERICA EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTORSHIP AGREEMENT FOR AVAILABILITY OF HALYARD PACKAGING AND BELINTRA STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS

ALPHARETTA, Ga. and JOHN'S CREEK, Ga. – July 17th, 2018 – Halyard and Belintra today announced the U.S. broad availability of Halyard packaging and Belintra storage and transportation solutions for healthcare facilities made possible through an exclusive dealership agreement between the companies for an initial term of three years.

WHAT: Beginning today, customers across the U.S. will be able to purchase wrap, storage and transport solutions from Halyard's sales team. Specific offerings include:

- Halyard's sterilization wrap: SMART-FOLD*, ONE-STEP* and QUICK-CHECK*
- Belintra's storage systems, UBeFlex[®] and UBeTrack[™], and matching stainless steel and aluminum open and closed carts and accessories that are part of the unique Sterisystem[®] concept

WHY: Approximately 300,000 surgical site infections occur annually in U.S. hospitals, resulting in an estimated 9,000 attributable deaths.^{i ii iii}

Halyard's state-of-the-art SMART-FOLD* and QUICK-CHECK* sterilization wraps provide industry-leading protection against contamination of surgical instruments. In the recent scientific study, "Sterility maintenance study: Dynamic evaluation of sterilized rigid containers and wrapped instrument trays to prevent bacterial ingress," published in the *American Journal of Infection Control*, sterilization wrap was shown to maintain 100 percent sterility post-sterilization compared to new and in-use rigid containers, of which 87 percent were positive for bacterial contamination post-sterilization.^{iv}

Belintra transport and storage systems, completed with accessories as part of Belintra's complete Sterisystem[®] Logistics Flow Solution, help organizations adhere to AAMI Standard 79 guidelines for maintenance of the sterility of processed items until the point of use.

HOW: This agreement marries Halyard's clinical expertise, superior sterilization wrap products and long-standing relationships in the OR to Belintra's expertise in the SPD and OR and innovative storage and transport solutions for wrapped surgical instrument trays, providing a unique, comprehensive solution for fulfilling surgical instrument sterility and helping to improve hospitals' clinical efficiency.

If you would like to schedule an interview with a Halyard or Belintra representative, please contact Cara McAteer at 781-684-6504 or Brand_HYH@publicisgroupe.net.

About Halyard

Halyard, now part of the Owens & Minor family, is focused on advancing health and healthcare by delivering clinically-superior infection prevention and surgical solutions. Halyard sells its recognized sterilization wrap, facial protection, gloves, surgical drapes and gowns in more than 100 countries, and holds leading market positions across the portfolio. For more information, visit www.halyardhealth.com.

About Belintra

Belintra NV, founded in 1965, is a leading provider of safe and smart healthcare logistics solutions with global headquarters in Belgium. For extensive company and product information, please visit www.belintra.com. The US subsidiary Belintra, Inc. was founded in 2015. The US sales headquarters are located in Georgia and the warehouse in South Carolina. For US specific information, visit www.belintra.com/us.

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