



**LMA International NV**

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## **LMA ENTERS WORLD-WIDE SALES AND DISTRIBUTION PARTNERSHIP FOR UROLOGY PRODUCTS**

**Singapore, 6 February 2009** – Mainboard-listed LMA International NV (“LMA” or the “Group”), the global leader in the development and marketing of the LMA™ laryngeal mask airway range of supraglottic airway management devices, is pleased to announce that it has entered into an exclusive sales and distribution agreement with Cook Medical (“Cook”), a global healthcare company that is among the world’s best-known and most respected names in medical devices and supplies, to distribute the LMA StoneBreaker™ and its product range globally.

Cook is a leader in developing healthcare devices that have improved lives around the world and has established a strong product portfolio and a substantial global sales force in the urology field.

Under the terms of the sales and distribution agreement, Cook has exclusive rights to promote, distribute and sell the LMA StoneBreaker™ and its product range owned by LMA Urology Ltd.

Dr Markus Haller, President of LMA Urology, said, “We believe that this agreement will significantly improve the performance of our business. Our partnership with Cook will provide access to its extensive marketing and sales capability in the urology field to achieve a stronger presence and penetration across the world.”

The LMA StoneBreaker™ is a portable intra-corporeal contact lithotripter which effectively fragments stones in the urinary tract. This handheld system complements lithotripsy procedures performed with extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy devices by targeting stones located in places which cannot be reached with an extra-corporeal shockwave generator. The LMA StoneBreaker™, manufactured in Switzerland, received the CE mark in June 2006 and is validated by extensive clinical trials confirming the effectiveness of this device.

While this sales and distribution agreement with Cook Medical will significantly improve the performance of LMA’s Urology division, it is not expected to have a significant impact on the Group’s profitability for the financial year ending 31 December 2009.

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### **About Cook Medical**

Based in Bloomington, Indiana, Cook Medical was one of the first companies to help popularize interventional medicine, pioneering many of the devices now commonly used worldwide to perform minimally invasive medical procedures. Today, the company integrates minimally invasive medical device design, biopharma, gene and cell therapy, and biotech to enhance patient safety and improve clinical outcomes in the fields of aortic intervention; interventional cardiology; critical care medicine; gastroenterology; radiology, peripheral vascular, bone access and oncology; surgery and soft tissue repair; urology; and assisted reproductive technology, gynecology and high-risk obstetrics. Founded in 1963 and operated as a family-held private corporation, Cook is a past winner of the prestigious Medical Device Manufacturer of the Year Award from *Medical Device & Diagnostic Industry* magazine. For more information, visit [www.cookmedical.com](http://www.cookmedical.com).

### **About LMA International NV**

Incorporated in the Netherlands Antilles in 1998, LMA was listed on the Singapore Exchange in March 2005. LMA designs, develops, markets and distributes medical equipment, principally the LMA™ laryngeal mask airway range of supraglottic airway management devices. These devices are used by physicians to allow respiration, provide ventilation to, and support the airway of patients undergoing surgical procedures and life-saving interventions. Since its first product, the LMA-Classic™, was approved by the FDA for use in the United States in 1991, LMA's growth has been driven by the development of innovative products, geographic expansion, and increased customer awareness of the LMA™ laryngeal mask airway as an alternative airway management device. LMA has established a leading position in this growing market. LMA has an office in Jersey, Channel Islands, and subsidiaries in Singapore, Germany and San Diego, California. DBS Bank Limited and Credit Suisse were the Joint Global Coordinators and Joint Bookrunners for the Initial Public Offering of shares in LMA. For more information, visit [www.lmanv.com](http://www.lmanv.com).