

**Media Statement – For Immediate Release****7th May 2013****McKesson Corporation announces intention to divest most of its European technology operations**

It has been announced today that McKesson Corporation (McKesson) is planning to divest its International Operations Group (IOG) business. IOG currently has three divisions: McKesson UK, which includes the UK subsidiaries System C and Liquidlogic, McKesson France, and McKesson Netherlands. The planned sale will be subject to compliance with all employee information and consultation obligations.

The planned sale of IOG forms part of wider changes to McKesson's portfolio whereby McKesson has made the decision to divest several businesses, two of which reside in McKesson Technology Solutions – IOG and McKesson Automation.

Whilst IOG has always been complementary to McKesson's BetterHealth2020 strategy it represents a relatively small portion of McKesson's overall business. In order for McKesson to focus on its core opportunities, McKesson believes that IOG will be better able to execute on its own growth strategy, increase its competitiveness, and deliver for its customers under new ownership.

IOG's products have been specifically developed, sold and maintained in the UK and Europe for their respective markets. McKesson's current priority, therefore, is to find the right partner and a new home for IOG's customers and employees that reflect this particular strength. McKesson's Enterprise Medical Imaging business, which offers a single product globally, will remain with McKesson.

McKesson is proud of what IOG has achieved in the UK, France and the Netherlands, with each business having a successful track record and a strong reputation within the industry.

In the UK, IOG has been working in partnership with the health and social care sectors since 1990. Almost all NHS organisations in England benefit from IOG information technology (IT) solutions and services. In addition, the business is now a leading provider of IT solutions to Local Authorities in England. Elsewhere, IOG's design and operation of the NHS Electronic Staff Record (ESR) - the world's largest integrated HR and payroll system - paying over 1.4 million NHS staff every month, is a stand out success both technically and operationally.

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Patrick Carter, Chair of IOG, commented: “The success of IOG is based on two key achievements - the development of leading edge solutions which enable care providers to deliver improved outcomes for patients, service users and staff; and our unrivalled reputation as a reliable and highly responsive partner to our health and social care customers.”

Patrick Carter, further noted: “IOG is a sound and strong business, generating significant cash flow and enjoying an excellent reputation. We will maintain the level of outstanding service that has come to be expected by our customers whilst we deliver innovative new products that support them in responding to the critical challenges they face in delivering safe, quality care.

As always, we will continue to share information with our customers as we take forward our plans.”

**Notes to Editors:**

McKesson Corporation is the world’s largest health care information technology and services company, currently ranked 14th on the US FORTUNE 500. As a pharmaceutical distributor and health care information technology company, McKesson provides systems for medical supply management, clinical workflow, practice management, pharmacy automation and care management.

The International Operations Group (IOG) is dedicated to transforming health and social care in partnership with its customers, improving the quality of their services and reducing costs through the use of IOG’s innovative information technology solutions and services. IOG employs staff in three countries in locations across Europe.

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