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Canada's Medical Device Industry Proud to Play Major Role in HPIC Relief Efforts for Afghanistan

Toronto – MEDEC, the industry association representing Canada's medical device companies, today participated in an event with Prime Minister Stephen Harper, where much-needed medical supplies bound for Afghanistan were packed at Health Partners International of Canada's (HPIC) distribution centre in Mississauga, Ontario.

“MEDEC and its member companies have been partners with HPIC since 2003,” said MEDEC President Stephen Dibert. “In that time we have been very proud to supply nations in need with access to necessary medical devices we take for granted in a country such as Canada.”

In the four years of the partnership between MEDEC and HPIC, MEDEC members have supplied over \$5 million worth of medical devices and supplies used in surgical procedures and primary care.

“Medical devices and diagnostic tools are vital in saving lives and providing quality of life for individuals,” added Dibert. “As responsible global citizens, our member companies want to play an active role in supporting Canada's efforts to help those in need.”

Health Partners International of Canada is a charitable organization that provides medicines, vaccines and medical supplies, medical devices and equipment donated by Canadian healthcare companies, to medical professionals, aid organizations and government agencies for distribution in the developing world. For more information, go to www.hpicanada.ca.

MEDEC is the national association created by and for the Canadian medical device industry. MEDEC is the primary source for advocacy, information and education on the medical device industry for members, the greater healthcare community, industry partners and the general public. The medical device industry in Canada employs over 35,000 Canadians in close to 1,500 corporate facilities, and contributes nearly \$6 billion in national sales per annum. MEDEC's focus is on ensuring access to proven, safe technology and new, innovative medical technology developed by member companies. Access www.medec.org.

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