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SHS invests in robotic surgery company AOT

Tübingen/Basel, 2 February 2015 – With its fourth fund, Tübingen-based growth investor SHS Gesellschaft für Beteiligungsmanagement has invested in Swiss AOT AG. AOT develops, produces and markets computer assisted laser systems for use in bone surgery.

AOT (Advanced Osteotomy Tools), a Basel University Hospital spin-off, has developed the innovative surgery system CARLO (Computer Assisted Robot-guided Laser Osteotome) to simplify planning and implementation when it comes to bone surgery. CARLO's key elements include a 3D planning and navigation system, an ergonomic handling robot, as well as an innovative laser cutting process including high-precision real-time depth control. Compared to the current "gold standard" of using mechanical instruments, CARLO allows for extremely precise cutting geometries. Also, CARLO makes bone surgery safer and promotes faster healing.

"The market for robot-guided surgical systems is experiencing strong growth. Responding to surgeons' needs, AOT provides planning and navigation support as well as gentle laser cutting technology. Patients also benefit greatly from the novel and more advanced surgery this technology enables. We are very pleased to support the highly innovative AOT with its market launch," explains Bernhard Schirmers, Managing Partner at SHS.

"We have gained a very experienced partner in SHS Gesellschaft für Beteiligungsmanagement. As an industry investor, SHS has extensive expertise regarding regulatory issues and product launches, particularly when it comes to innovative medical technology. We expect AOT to benefit greatly from SHS's expertise," says Alfred E. Bruno, CEO and co-founder of AOT.

The current fund SHS IV has already invested in the cardiology specialist Vimecon in December 2014. SHS is planning further investments in the fast-growing medical technology and life science companies during the year.

About SHS Gesellschaft für Beteiligungsmanagement mbH:

SHS Gesellschaft für Beteiligungsmanagement is based in Tübingen, Germany and invests in medical technology and life science companies with a focus on growth financing, changes in shareholder structures and successor situations. SHS holds minority as well as majority shares. SHS was founded in 1993 and has since gained extensive experience as industry investor, which supports the growth of its portfolio companies through a network of partnerships regarding the introduction of new products, regulatory issues or entering new markets. The SHS funds' German and international investors include the European Investment Fund, professional pension insurers, retirement funds, funds of funds, family offices, entrepreneurs and the SHS management team. The AIFM-registered company is currently investing from its fourth generation of funds, for which investors have provided more than 100 million euro. Reinhilde Spatscheck, Bernhard Schirmers and Hubertus Leonhardt are the Managing Partners at SHS.
Further information: *www.shsvc.net/en*

About AOT AG:

AOT AG is a Swiss robotic surgery company, which was established as a spin-off of the University Hospital and the University of Basel in 2011. The company develops, produces and markets a robotic bone surgery system (CARLO - Computer Assisted Robot-guided Laser Osteotome). This allows for new and more precise cutting geometries, improves the safety of the surgery and promotes faster healing.
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