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For Immediate Release

Cook Medical announces new leadership and its change of company name and legal form in Japan to bring customers closer

Tokyo – Cook Medical is pleased to announce that its company's name and legal form in Japan will change from "Cook Japan K.K. (Kabushiki Kaisha)" to "Cook Medical Japan G.K. (Godo Kaisha)" effective from 1 April 2020. Greg Mullinax has been appointed as Chief Operating Officer Japan, reporting to Jean-Marc Creissel, Vice president and Director of Asia-Pacific.

In his new role, Mullinax will lead the Japan team to achieve operational excellence as a truly modernized company that enhances customer experience and patients care across the country.

"Greg has a deep understanding of medical device industry and culture in the Japan market," said Creissel, "In addition to his global exposure, I am confident that he and his team will contribute to medical care and patients in Japan with the highest standards of product quality, ethics, and service."

Mullinax has more than 25 years of leadership experience in the medical device industry. In addition to his new role, Mullinax is the Director of Regulatory Affairs for the Asia-Pacific region. Prior to joining Cook Medical, he served as President for German, Israeli and British companies in Japan, where he gained insight into Japanese business customs, culture and markets. Mullinax attended International Christian University in Japan and is fluent in both written and spoken Japanese. He also has a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School and is a member of the Illinois Bar.

Effective from 1 April 2020, Cook Medical will change its company name and legal form in Japan from "Cook Japan K.K. (Kabushiki Kaisha)," a joint-stock company to "Cook Medical Japan G.K. (Godo Kaisha)" a limited liability company.

"The name change will help us establish a clear public image as a global healthcare company," said Mullinax. The character notation will also be changed from the alphabet to katakana, the well-known component of the Japanese writing system for transcription of foreign language words. "An updated corporate name will enhance our presence and reputation in the market, not only for our customers and patients but also for attracting new talent," added Mullinax.

◆ Remarks:

New company name: クックメディカルジャパン合同会社 (English notation: Cook Medical Japan G.K.)

Cook Medical Japan Executive Officer: William Greg Mullinax, Chief Operational Officer Japan

Effective Date: 1 April 2020

* There is no change in location, capital, business details, etc.

About Cook Medical

Cook Medical was founded in 1963 in Bloomington, Indiana, USA. The first products were wire guides, needles and catheters. The company currently supplies treatment and diagnostic products to 135 countries around the world, primarily in the field of minimally invasive, interventional, and percutaneous catheterization.

The Cook Group has over 12,000 employees worldwide and has been operating in Japan since 2004. We are an ethical, entrepreneurial, family-owned company that exists to support people and communities to their full potential.

We develop and manufacture a unique portfolio of medical devices and deliver them to healthcare systems worldwide. It is our privilege that we can contribute to our patients, and we pursue the highest standards of quality, ethics and service in everything we do. See website and social media for details.

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