

Healthcare Sector Imaging & IT Division

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Siemens to provide 37 hospitals and 300 clinics in South Africa with healthcare IT software

Siemens Healthcare has been awarded to provide a hospital information system to 37 hospitals and about 300 clinics throughout the Gauteng Department of Health (Gauteng DoH) in South Africa. The order volume is about €18 million and the system will be implemented within the next three years. This is the first project of its kind for Siemens Healthcare in South Africa. Gauteng is South Africa's fastest growing province regarding population.

The implementation of the Siemens hospital information system is a significant part of the Gauteng DoH's overall objective to create a single electronic health record for patients across the province and to eliminate paper-based workflow. The core of the solution is Soarian MedSuite, an integrated hospital information system which proactively manages the clinical, financial and administrative process from beginning to end. As a result, hospitals and clinics are able to increase efficiency, productivity and quality of care across the healthcare enterprise.

"A primary benefit of the Siemens hospital information system is that once a patient's details have been captured and stored, they can be shared across the hospital's departments as well as with other hospitals and clinics in the region," said Graham Maritz, CEO of Siemens Healthcare in South Africa. "Once in place within the hospital network, Soarian MedSuite will help optimize processes such as registration, admissions, discharge, billing, medical records management and enterprise-wide multi-resource scheduling."

The Gauteng DoH has assigned the BAOKI consortium, which includes AMeHST (a local joint venture formed by two of Siemens' leading value-added resellers) and Equiton Investment Corporation, to implement the Siemens hospital information system province-wide. As a sub-contractor, Siemens will provide the IT software component. The installation of the system in the 704-bed Sebokeng Hospital, which was chosen as a pilot site by the Gauteng DoH, was completed

within seven months in August 2008 as the solution offered flexibility to configure the business processes of the hospital.

In addition to the hospital information system, Siemens Healthcare will be providing a radiology information system to some hospitals which fall under the Gauteng DoH. The radiology departments of those hospitals will be able to use the system to manage patient visits, schedule and track diagnostic procedures, store diagnoses and results, and send billable items to billing systems.

The Siemens Healthcare Sector is one of the largest suppliers of healthcare technology worldwide. The company is a medical solution provider with core competences and innovative strengths in diagnostic and therapeutic technologies as well as knowledge processing, including information technology and system integration. With its acquisitions in laboratory diagnostics, Siemens Healthcare is the first integrated healthcare company that combines imaging and lab diagnostics, therapy solutions and medical information technology and also supplements these with consultation and services. Siemens Healthcare offers solutions for the entire supply chain under one roof - from prevention and early detection to diagnosis and on to treatment and aftercare. In addition, Siemens Healthcare is the world market leader for innovative hearing instruments. The company employs some 49,000 employees worldwide and is present in more than 130 countries. During fiscal 2008 (ending on September 30), Siemens Healthcare achieved a total sales volume of 11.17 billion euros and incoming orders totaling 11.78 billion euros. The Sector profit from operations amounted to €1.23 billion (preliminary figures). For more information, go to: www.siemens.com/healthcare.