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King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre partners with Siemens for world class Healthcare solutions

Siemens Healthcare today announced that it will be deploying its first complete turn-key solutions healthcare implementation in Saudi Arabia, with the King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre, Jeddah. The implementation will also be the first redesign and refurbishment contract for Siemens in the Middle East, with the centre due to have a complete equipment overhaul for its radiology department.

The deal, worth almost USD15 million, will see a variety of healthcare products, systems and solutions deployed. These will help optimise work-flow and dramatically improve the efficiency and quality of patient care. The number of patients examined will be able to increase by at least 30 per cent, while affording the patients more comfort and less waiting time.

“In order to develop the solution, we worked very closely with King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre to carry out an in-depth study of their current technology situation,” said Mr. Maurice Faber, vice president Siemens Healthcare Middle East and West Asia. “With this analysis and the medical equipment to be supplied in mind, a new design for the whole department was created based on new workflow patterns.”

“Once the designs had been approved, a computer simulation model was established showing the benefits of the new design. A report on Key Performance Indicators, as selected by the centre, was also generated. Being able to demonstrate the benefits of the system prior to implementation gave Siemens the extra incentive to stay one step ahead of the competition,” said Mr. Faber.

Upon completion of the civil works part of the refurbishment, the new systems will be delivered and installed. The whole refurbishment process will take place without major interruptions to the radiology department workload. Siemens are developing a step-by-step transition and project plan to ensure continuous operation of the department through the whole process.

“We are very pleased to be working with Siemens on this very important refurbishment for the radiology department. The re-design will not only dramatically improve day-to-day operations, but will also allow our staff to work in a much more comfortable and fluid environment,” said Dr. Fahd Al Abdul Jabbar, Chairman of Board, King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre, General Organization.

“More importantly, that the refurbishment will occur without any major interruptions to the radiology department means that the King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre can continue to offer the best support and care for its patients, even during this transitional phase,” concluded Dr. Jabbar.

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The Siemens Healthcare Sector is one of the world's largest suppliers to the healthcare industry. The company is a renowned medical solutions provider with core competence and innovative strength in diagnostic and therapeutic technologies as well as in knowledge engineering, including information technology and system integration. With its laboratory diagnostics acquisitions, Siemens Healthcare is the first integrated healthcare company, bringing together imaging and lab diagnostics, therapy, and healthcare information technology solutions, supplemented by consulting and support services. Siemens Healthcare delivers solutions across the entire continuum of care – from prevention and early detection, to diagnosis, therapy and care. Additionally, Siemens Healthcare is the global market leader in innovative hearing instruments. The company employs more than 49,000 people worldwide and operates in 130 countries. In the fiscal year 2008 (Sept. 30), Siemens Healthcare reported sales of €11.17 billion, orders of €11.78 billion, and group profit of €1.23 billion. (Preliminary figures) Further information can be found by visiting www.siemens.com/healthcare.