

Siemens Healthcare Donates Needed Medical Equipment to Haiti Disaster Relief

Malvern, Pa., January 25, 2010 – Immediately following the January 12 earthquake, Siemens Healthcare mobilized to provide disaster relief assistance to the citizens of Haiti. As of today, the Healthcare Sector of Siemens AG has shipped healthcare systems and supplies through Project HOPE to aid healthcare workers in their efforts to help the victims.

Siemens Healthcare has donated twenty ACUSON P10™ ultrasound systems. These handheld systems are well-suited for the urgent medical needs in Haiti as they were designed for triage and emergency situations and provide physicians and emergency personnel with earlier, faster, and more accurate clinical assessment in seconds. The ACUSON P10 system provides Focused Abdominal Sonography for Trauma (FAST) protocols, which can identify free fluid from organ ruptures due to blunt trauma and identify foreign objects lodged inside the body. The system runs on battery power, and will scan continuously for one hour with one charge. An average scan in disaster type conditions only takes minutes. Because of its pocket-sized design and light weight of only 1.6 lbs., the ACUSON P10 system is particularly useful in the cramped and difficult working conditions in Haiti.

Siemens donated ten RAPIDPoint 350 Blood Gas analyzers to Project HOPE. These systems can be used to deliver critical care blood gas and blood electrolyte test results within minutes in a field hospital setting. With these blood gas analyzers, Siemens provided sufficient test systems and supplies to perform 90,000 tests and worked with our partner, Smiths Medical, who also donated sterile blood sample syringes necessary to perform the tests.

In addition, Siemens donated enough MULTISTIX 10 SG Urinalysis Strips to perform 90,000 urine tests. These test strips assist rapid diagnosis in kidney function, urinary tract infections, carbohydrate metabolism, and liver function.

The Siemens technical team will be available by telephone to support Project HOPE as needed in the set up and operation of the systems.

The **Siemens Healthcare Sector** is one of the world's largest suppliers to the healthcare industry and a trendsetter in medical imaging, laboratory diagnostics, medical information technology and hearing aids. Siemens offers its customers products and solutions for the entire range of patient care from a single source – from prevention and early detection to diagnosis, and on to treatment and aftercare. By optimizing clinical workflows for the most common diseases, Siemens also makes healthcare faster, better and more cost-effective. Siemens Healthcare employs some 48,000 employees worldwide and operates around the world. In fiscal year 2009 (to September 30), the Sector posted revenue of 11.9 billion euros and profit of around 1.5 billion euros. For further information please visit: www.siemens.com/healthcare.