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Press Release

Vancouver, April 2006. Surgical Tourism Canada (STC), Vancouver and Wockhardt Hospitals, India have signed a Strategic Marketing Alliance which will enable Canadians on surgical waitlists to receive care at Wockhardt Hospitals in India.

As the associate hospital of the Harvard Medical International in India, Wockhardt Hospitals benefit from the extensive learning and experience of Harvard Medical School and its affiliated institutions worldwide and strive to bring to its patients the benefits of global standards in technology and clinical expertise.

Wockhardt is the only other hospital in India apart from the Apollo Hospital, Delhi to be certified and accredited by the JCI. Wockhardt Hospitals is part of the Wockhardt Group, whose flagship Wockhardt Limited is a pharmaceutical major and a front-runner in biotechnology with a market capitalization of \$1.3 billion.

Through this strategic alliance, STC patients will travel to Wockhardt Hospitals, Mumbai (formerly Bombay) for procedures including the revolutionary Birmingham hip resurfacing, knee replacement, coronary bypass surgery, and spine surgery. Also offered is a full range of executive health checks.

STC, which was launched in June 2005 with the sole purpose of reducing surgical waitlists in Canada, has already sent several patients to world class JCI accredited facilities in India. Patients have undergone successful cutting edge and revolutionary surgeries not available in North America, and are now pain free and have returned to their normal lives. STC continues to negotiate with provincial and federal governments to reimburse the cost of the surgeries, paid for by patients.

Yasmeen Sayeed, President and CEO of Surgical Tourism Canada says, "By being able to provide world class health services and facilities such as Wockhardt Hospitals, Apollo Hospitals, and St. John Hospital, Bellingham, Washington, USA, we are able to offer our clients a choice of locations between Chennai, New Delhi, Bombay, Bangalore, Colombo, Sri Lanka and the USA".

Mr. Vishal Bali, chief executive officer of Wockhardt Hospitals, says "As one of the leading JCI accredited international hospitals in India that attracts overseas patients because of our cutting edge technology, excellent surgical and post operative care, we are sure that patients from Canada can be assured that they are in the best of hands. We are delighted to have Surgical Tourism Canada as our marketing and referring partner in Canada."

Wockhardt Hospitals Limited is an Indian super-speciality hospital chain associated with Harvard Medical International (HMI), U.S. Wockhardt Hospitals currently operates hospitals in Bangalore, Mumbai, Kolkatta, Hyderabad and Nagpur. Wockhardt Hospitals are now the preferred choice for international patients who come from all over the world to benefit from its latest technology; multi-disciplinary capabilities, world-class infrastructure and excellent patient care processes and ambience.

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