CAE Healthcare acquires Haptica surgical simulation products and technology

San Francisco, California, USA, October 24, 2011 – CAE Healthcare, a division of CAE (NYSE: CAE; TSX: CAE), today announced at the American College of Surgeons 97th Annual Clinical Congress, that it has acquired Haptica’s surgical simulation products and augmented reality technology. Haptica’s ProMIS™ minimally invasive surgery and spine simulator is now part of CAE Healthcare’s surgical simulation line of products.

The ProMIS™ simulator enables learners to train with real surgical instruments while watching their work on a screen with an augmented reality perspective. The ProMIS™ simulator delivers an engaging and effective approach by drawing on technologies from virtual reality games, intelligent tracking and image analysis.

“We are committed to delivering the best training solutions to improve patient safety. The acquisition of Haptica’s technology and assets supports our strategy to provide a full range of best-in-class medical education and simulation solutions across a worldwide market,” said Michael Bernstein, President of CAE Healthcare.

CAE Healthcare will leverage Haptica’s established customer base that includes leading surgical instrument manufacturers and major university teaching hospitals. More than 200 Haptica ProMIS™ laparoscopy simulators are used in more than 100 of the leading surgical skill centers worldwide. Its unique augmented reality approach to surgical simulation has enabled it to deliver customized solutions for instrument manufacturers as well as providing an effective research tool for corporate R&D facilities and surgical training institutes.

About CAE Healthcare
CAE Healthcare, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CAE, is a world leader in healthcare simulation solutions. The company offers cutting-edge learning tools and innovative simulation solutions to healthcare professionals, allowing them to develop practical experience on multiple simulation platforms before testing their skills on patients. CAE Healthcare offers surgical and imaging simulation solutions as well as human patient simulators. The entire family of human patient METI simulators, including baby, pediatric and adults, are designed to mimic human medical scenarios including trauma, heart attack, drug overdose and effects of bioterrorism. Today, more than 6,000 METI simulators are in use worldwide. CAE Healthcare’s objective is to offer realistic and comprehensive tools that will help practitioners sharpen their skills and prepare for better patient outcomes. [www.caehospital.com](http://www.caehospital.com)

About CAE
CAE is a global leader in modelling, simulation and training for civil aviation and defence. The company employs more than 7,500 people at more than 100 sites and training locations in more than 20 countries. Through CAE’s global network of 33 civil aviation, military and helicopter training centres, the company trains more than 80,000 crewmembers yearly. CAE’s business is diversified, ranging from the sale of simulation products to providing comprehensive services such as training and aviation services, professional services and in-service support. The company aims to apply its simulation expertise and operational experience to help customers enhance safety, improve efficiency, maintain readiness and solve challenging problems. CAE is now leveraging its simulation capabilities in new markets such as healthcare and mining. [www.caes.com](http://www.caes.com)

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