



Medrobotics Appoints Thomas F. Patzelt Vice-President Marketing

Company Prepares for Commercialization of the Ground-Breaking Flex® System in Otolaryngology

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RAYNHAM, Mass., Jan. 2, 2014- Medrobotics Corp., an emerging medical robotics company developing the innovative *Flex® System*, announced the appointment of Thomas F. Patzelt as Vice-President Marketing today. The appointment coincides with Medrobotics' anticipated commercial launches in Europe and the United States.

"We are delighted to have Tom join our growing company," said Samuel Straface, Ph.D., president and CEO of Medrobotics. "He brings over 22 years' experience in building and defending high growth markets for new technologies, including ENT devices." Over the next several months, Mr. Patzelt will be preparing for commercialization of the *Flex® System*, a platform to provide minimally invasive transoral access and visualization for surgery in hard-to-reach locations in the throat and voice box.

Prior to joining Medrobotics, Mr. Patzelt was Vice President of Marketing for Entellus Medical, a medical device start-up that develops and commercializes treatments for chronic sinusitis to ENT surgeons. Mr. Patzelt previously held executive sales and marketing positions at Medtronic and at Merck after receiving his BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Notre Dame, his MS in Chemical Engineering from Northwestern University, and his MBA from the University of Chicago. "I am thrilled to join the exceptional team at Medrobotics," said Mr. Patzelt. "Driving adoption of transformational medical technology has been the focus of my career, and I am excited to continue that work with such an innovative and valuable platform as the *Flex® System*."

The *Flex® System* is anticipated to provide a cost-effective, robot-assisted surgical platform for hospitals and surgeons eager to expand their offering of minimally-invasive treatment options. Minimally-invasive surgery has been shown to be more cost-effective and less painful for the patient and leads to quicker hospital discharge and faster recovery. "We look forward to continuing our partnership with leading surgeons and their teams to extend the technological foundation established at Medrobotics," said Mr. Patzelt.

About Medrobotics

Medrobotics Corporation (www.Medrobotics.com) is a privately-held company headquartered in Raynham, Massachusetts that is developing and commercializing the *Flex[®] System*, a robotic-assist platform that enables surgeons to gain single-site access and visualization to difficult-to-access anatomical locations. The system provides a precise and stable platform for enhanced visualization and enables two-handed dexterity with compatible third-party instruments having tactile feedback.