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HELMER SCIENTIFIC AND GLOBAL HEALING BEGIN TRAINING AT HÔPITAL UNIVERSITAIRE DE MIREBALAIS

Establishing World-Class Blood Bank and Transfusion Service in Haiti

Mirebalais, Haiti, - **March 25, 2013** – Global Healing, a leading non-profit organization devoted to providing modern medical equipment and supplies to the developing world, and Helmer Scientific, a leading manufacturer of laboratory equipment and refrigerated products for the life science industry, are onsite at the newly constructed Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais to begin training local Haitian staff on safe practices for their hospital blood bank and blood transfusion service. The hospital project has been overseen by Partners In Health, a premier international healthcare and development organization with deep ties in Haiti, and the 205,000 sq ft, 300 bed facility will provide an immediate boost to healthcare services for the whole country.

In the past, Helmer Scientific has offered support to several other Global Healing project sites. In addition to their donation of laboratory equipment to Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais, Helmer Scientific is sending a team of bioengineers to install and calibrate their equipment and train the hospital biomedical staff in overall maintenance and repairs to ensure its longevity.

“We consider it a privilege to be a part of this effort in Haiti, as our corporate social interest lies in furthering efforts to establish safe blood supplies in developing regions of the world. Having our people serve at their highest levels of capability in projects such as this allows us to engage all of who we are as a business. It also allows us to be taught and impacted by those who we serve,” said David Helmer, Co-founder and Owner, Helmer Scientific.

This will be Global Healing’s fifth blood banking project. Now that the hospital is beginning to open its doors to the community, it will be integral for Global Healing to work within the pre-existing blood system and train local staff to provide safe and compatible blood products for transfusion recipients. Over the next three years, Global Healing will be actively assisting Partners In Health in achieving this goal at Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais.

“Helmer Scientific’s support has been integral to our success in past blood safety projects,” said Luke Ifland, president, Global Healing, Berkely, Calif. “Their contributions and involvement at Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais will help us reach our goal of establishing a world-class blood bank whose local staff is trained in advanced blood safety techniques and practices.”

About Global Healing

Global Healing is a US-registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization devoted to providing modern medical equipment, supplies and training to the developing world. It was established in 1994, initially to train and equip a team of pediatric cardiology surgeons in Tbilisi, Georgia to perform the nation’s first ever pediatric open-heart surgeries. Global Healing has since started medical programs in Armenia, Honduras, Dominica, Moldova and Nepal. More information can be found at www.globalhealing.org.

About Helmer Scientific

Helmer Scientific is a leading manufacturer and global distributor of laboratory equipment and refrigeration products for the life science industry with a passion to serve its customers in their efforts to improve and save lives. Helmer Global Initiatives (HGI) is a corporate effort of Helmer Scientific to engage individuals and organizations in efforts of generosity at their highest level of capability to provide aid and justice for poor and vulnerable people. For more information please visit www.helmerinc.com.