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Sterigenics International to be acquired by Chicago-based GTCR, LLC

Oak Brook, IL – February 22, 2011: The present owners of Sterigenics International, private equity firm Silverfleet Capital, have signed an agreement to sell the portfolio company holding for \$675 million to the Chicago-based private equity firm, GTCR, LLC. Sterigenics International was acquired by Silverfleet Capital and PPM America Capital Partners in 2004 from the Belgium-based healthcare technology company IBA (Ion Beam Applications).

“We have enjoyed many successes during our six year history with Silverfleet. The board of directors has been very supportive of our business plans and management initiatives that have lead to the positive growth of our organization,” said David E. Meyer, President and CEO of Sterigenics. “While the relationship with Silverfleet proved to be advantageous, we are excited and equally encouraged about our new owners. We foresee a seamless transition that will allow us to continue to grow and expand our business.”

GTCR, LLC manages more than \$8.5 billion in private equity investments in a variety of companies and industries and is widely known for their expertise in Healthcare, Financial Services & Technology and Information Services & Technology.

Sterigenics International, the global leader in contract sterilization and ionization services to the medical device, pharmaceutical, food safety and advanced applications industries has enjoyed consistent growth over the past several years and continues to expand operations throughout the world.

The transfer of ownership is expected to take place in the first half of 2011.

About Sterigenics International

Sterigenics International Inc. is a portfolio company of Silverfleet Capital and PPM America Capital Partners. Headquartered in the Chicago suburb of Oak Brook, IL, Sterigenics International is the only company in the world to offer technology in all leading sterilization modalities, including: gamma, ethylene oxide, electron beam and X-ray. The company has more than 1,300 employees and operates 38 service centers in North America, Europe and Asia.