

Media Release

## **Synthes Acquires Innomedic GmbH**

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**Synthes** (SWX: SYST.VX) announced today that it has acquired **Innomedic**, a German company active in software development and computer science for medical technology applications, for an undisclosed amount.

Innomedic was founded in 1999 and has comprehensive experience and expert knowledge in software and control engineering, image processing, simulation and in the development of electronic hardware and mechanical components.

With 15 people located in Herxheim (Germany), Innomedic has developed innovative medical engineering systems and software solutions with optimal functionality and state-of-the-art technology solutions for patient-oriented diagnosis and therapy.

This acquisition will allow Synthes to gain expertise in the development of future solutions that integrate new technologies in the surgical treatment of the musculoskeletal system.

Innomedic will be complementing development efforts requiring technology integration for various applications.

All Innomedic personnel will remain at their current location.

### **Synthes: A leading medical device company**

Synthes is a leading global medical device company. We develop, produce and market instruments, implants and biomaterials for the surgical fixation, correction and regeneration of the human skeleton and its soft tissues.

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