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Sterilox launches new 'Dangerous Disinfectants Audit' service to support HSE 'Safety & Health at Work' Campaign

Sterilox Technologies today launched a new 'Dangerous Disinfectants Audit' service to help hospitals assess the risks faced by nurses from dealing with dangerous disinfectants and to develop the most appropriate migration strategy to a safer and more effective alternative. The service was developed to support the new Health and Safety Executive campaign designed to raise awareness of the dangers to employees who handle dangerous substances in the workplace.

The Audit will comprise:

- A departmental audit of equipment usage and clinical requirements
- An analysis of the findings to address issues such as health risks, product efficacy and total costs of use/migration (including management systems required, training etc.)
- Preparation and submission of a detailed written report of recommendations.

Commenting on the launch of the new service Rob Hartley, Director, Sterilox Technologies said, "There is absolutely no reason why any nurse in Britain should be exposed to dangerous disinfectants which cause anything from occupational asthma to mild irritation because, there are now safe and effective products on the market which are also 100% environmentally friendly.

"If the HSE's new campaign can eliminate Glutaraldehyde (a chemical they have stated is a cause of Occupational Asthma) from the 20%-25% of British hospitals which still use it, then it will be judged a phenomenal success. Our aim is to help them achieve that goal."

Notes to Editors

Sterilox is a non-toxic, non-hazardous, fast-acting broad-spectrum biocide. The disinfectant was developed for both rapid, cold sterilisation of heat-sensitive surgical instruments such as endoscopes, as

well as for general disinfectant use in hospitals.

Sterilox's patented generators offer single-use application - for each patient as well as for each disinfecting cycle. They produce the powerful disinfectant, as required, from water and common salt (sodium chloride) - the main active component of the mixture is hypochlorous acid.

In addition to full clearance for use in the UK and Europe, Sterilox solutions also have multiple clearances from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and have been cleared for use as surface disinfectants by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). These clearances are supported by one of the largest libraries of disinfectant microbiology available in the world today.

The company also supplies a complete range of generators and associated equipment, as well as Optident Sterilox, a disinfectant system developed specifically for the dental market.

The company is one of the UK's leading disinfectant suppliers with an approximate 20% share of the endoscope reprocessing market.

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