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ANSELL HONORED WITH MEDICAL PRODUCT INNOVATION AWARD FOR SKIN-FRIENDLY PI-KARE™ TECHNOLOGY

Singapore - Ansell, a global leader in protection solutions, has won the Medical Product Innovation Award - Malaysia at the Healthcare Asia Medtech Awards 2023 for its PI-KARE™ Technology. With a legacy of 130 years, Ansell is the No. 1 surgical glove of choice of O.R. staff around the world*.

Ansell's innovative skin-friendly, non-sensitizing PI-KARE™ Technology is a game-changer in the healthcare industry, offering healthcare workers a safer and more comfortable option when performing surgical procedures. Due to the prevalence of latex allergies, risk minimisation strategies and a more efficient O.R. management, hospitals around the world have shifted or are planning to transition to synthetic gloves like polyisoprene (PI).

However, both natural and synthetic gloves are still using chemical accelerators that can cause Type IV chemical allergies. Use of these gloves have led to a significant number of skin-related reactions amongst healthcare workers, with chemical accelerators being the primary culprit. Studies show that over 49% of healthcare workers with occupational skin-related reactions have Type IV chemical allergies, out of which 82% of these allergic reactions are caused by chemical accelerators.

Ansell's PI-KARE™ Technology eliminates all chemical accelerators known to cause Type IV chemical allergies and sensitivities and uses only biologically safer chemical accelerators that are either completely consumed during manufacturing or remain within the glove film to allow better skin tolerance. "At Ansell, we take advanced steps to protect healthcare workers around the world by delivering innovative glove solutions that solve challenges healthcare workers face in the O.R.," states Monica Sagardoy, Senior Global Marketing Director, Surgical Gloves & Life Sciences Business Unit. "PI-KARE™ is just one of our many surgical glove technologies that showcase the focus on quality and safety that our customers have come to know and trust."

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With the conception of PI-KARE™ Technology comes the world's first full range of skin-friendly and non-sensitizing PI gloves – inclusive of a standard PI, Textured, Ortho, Micro, Underglove and Glove-In-Glove™ System – that are US FDA-510(k) as well as dual CE Medical Device and PPE certified. Ansell's high-quality products are trusted by professionals in a wide range of industries, including healthcare, pharmaceuticals, automotive, chemicals, food, and construction.

**Based on largest volume of surgical gloves sold globally. Data on file.*



Caption: ANSELL team receiving the Medical Product Innovation Award for PI-KARE™ Technology at the award ceremony.

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About Ansell

Ansell is a world leader in providing superior health and safety protection solutions that enhance human well-being. The world's need for better protection never stops, so Ansell is constantly researching, developing and investing to manufacture and distribute cutting edge product innovation and technology, marketed under well-known brands that customers trust. Operating in two main business segments, Industrial and Healthcare, Ansell is the market leader that continues to grow, employing 15,000 people worldwide. With operations in North America, Latin America/Caribbean, EMEA and Asia Pacific, customers in more than 100 countries around the world trust Ansell and its protection solutions. Information on Ansell and its products can be found at www.ansell.com.

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