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ANSELL BRINGS SMILES TO CHILDRENS' FACES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OPERATION SMILE

Children born with cleft lip and cleft palate receive free surgeries

7 September 2016, Iselin, NJ – Ansell, a global leader in protection solutions, is pleased to announce its partnership with Operation Smile to help children born with either a cleft palate or cleft lip receive free cleft surgeries. Operation Smile is one of the largest volunteer-based medical charities providing free cleft surgeries in low-and-middle income countries. Ansell's donation of 4,690 boxes of nitrile examination gloves and 700 sterile marking pens to Operation Smile will support the charity's yearly product needs for international medical missions.

Since 1982, Operation Smile has improved the health and lives of children worldwide through surgical care, while adhering to the highest standards of care and safety. Operation Smile performed more than 17,000 free cleft surgeries last year with the help of more than 3,000 medical professional volunteers. Every three minutes, a child is born with a cleft lip or cleft palate - about one in 500-750 births. Without safe surgical care, babies with cleft lip or cleft palate can develop serious health issues such as difficulty with eating and speaking.

"As an operating room nurse, I witnessed the dramatic difference surgical intervention can make for those born with cleft lip, cleft palate and other facial deformities," said Patty Taylor RN, BA, Vice President Professional Education and Clinical Affairs at Ansell. "As a leader in protection solutions, we're pleased to be a part of the global cause and improving the lives of children all over the world."

"All children deserve exceptional surgical care regardless of where they live or what little money their family has," said Lindsay Tomberg, Director of Global Philanthropy at Operation Smile. "Our partnership with Ansell allows Operation Smile to continue providing free, safe and effective surgical care. Thanks to their generous donation of medical gloves and sterile marking pens, we are able to improve the lives and health of children worldwide."

For more information about Operation Smile, visit http://www.operationsmile.org/

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About Ansell

Ansell is a world leader in providing superior health and safety protection solutions that enhance human well-being. With operations in North America, Latin America/Caribbean, EMEA and Asia, Ansell employs 15,000 people worldwide and holds leading positions in the personal protective equipment and medical gloves market, as well as in the sexual health and well-being category worldwide. Ansell operates in four main business segments: Medical, Industrial, Single Use and Sexual Wellness. Information on Ansell and its products can be found at www.ansell.com. #AnsellProtects











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About Operation Smile

Operation Smile is an international medical charity that has provided hundreds of thousands of free surgeries for children and young adults in developing countries who are born with cleft lip, cleft palate or other facial deformities. It is one of the oldest and largest volunteer-based organizations dedicated to improving the health and lives of children worldwide through access to surgical care. Since 1982, Operation Smile has developed expertise in mobilizing volunteer medical teams to conduct surgical missions in resource-poor environments while adhering to the highest standards of care and safety. Operation Smile helps to fill the gap in providing access to safe, well-timed surgeries by partnering with hospitals, governments and ministries of health, training local medical personnel, and donating much-needed supplies and equipment to surgical sites around the world. Founded and based in Virginia, U.S., Operation Smile has extended its global reach to more than 60 countries through its network of credentialed surgeons, pediatricians, doctors, nurses, and student volunteers. For more information, visit Operation Smile at http://www.operationsmile.org/