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Mid-States and Sunlight Service Group Announce Exclusive UK Hospital Distribution Agreement for the AD

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Mid-States PLC, (LSE:MST), (“Mid-States”, the “Company” or the “Group”), a leading environmental technology group and Sunlight Service Group, a Davis Group company and the UK’s leading provider of support services to the NHS, today announce an exclusive distribution agreement for Mid-States’ ground-breaking air disinfection device, the AD covering all UK hospitals. The agreement also includes provision for on-going maintenance of each device.

Under the terms of the 5-year agreement, Sunlight Service Group has placed a significant initial order for 600 AD units from Mid-States. Given that, for optimum performance, each bay in each hospital ward should have its own AD, there is clearly a very significant market opportunity for the device. Estimated demand from NHS hospitals in year one exceeds 4,000 units, and increases substantially in subsequent years.

The AD is already being successfully used in a number of UK hospitals including Sunderland Royal Infirmary. It has been proven to clear enclosed spaces of airborne bacteria and viruses including MRSA, C. diff and E coli by producing hydroxyl radicals indoors, safely reproducing the natural disinfection effect that occurs in fresh air outdoors.

Mike Heath, Managing Director of Mid-States, commented :

“This first strategic distribution agreement is another important milestone for Mid-States. Our AD has now repeatedly demonstrated its effectiveness in the fight against superbugs and infections that impact our everyday lives and we now have units successfully operating in NHS hospitals, offices and nursing homes. We have spent a great deal of time finding the very best partner to distribute this important device to hospitals, and we are confident that in Sunlight Service Group we have found arguably the best distribution network in the UK hospital market.”

Richard O’Brien, Managing Director of Sunlight Clinical Solutions, said :

“ We are delighted with this new strategic development for our business.”

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About Mid-States

- Mid-States PLC is a leading environmental technology group quoted on the Alternate Investment Market (AIM) of the London Stock Exchange. The AD is sold by Inov8 Science Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Mid-States PLC.
- Mid-States is supported by an eminent group of scientific advisers, including **Professor Hugh Pennington**, former President of the Society for General Microbiology, is the UK's leading authority on identifying and combating life-threatening bacteria. **Professor Derek Ellwood** is a world renowned microbiologist who has advised both the United Nations and the World Health Organisation on human health and vaccination. **Clive Beggs** is Professor of Medical Technology at the University of Bradford. He is an expert in the use of environmental and engineering systems to prevent the spread of infectious disease and has an international reputation in this field.

About the AD

- The disinfecting characteristics of the open air were known to Louis Pasteur when he began to develop vaccination in the late 1800s and have been a source of many dedicated scientific investigations in subsequent years. This 'cleansing air' effect was historically thought to be related to sunlight.
- The original work which led to the AD's development was commissioned by the British Government in the 1960s. Wary of the potential for night time biological attack, government scientists were put to work to unravel the secrets of the "Open Air Factor." Although some progress was made, as the threat of attack waned, so did the funding for the research.
- However, a dedicated group of scientists and engineers continued to investigate. They proved that this naturally occurring phenomenon was not only the key to disinfection in fresh air, but also a key part of the human immune system.
- They identified the "Open Air Factor" is the hydroxyl radical (OH[•]). Hydroxyl radicals are generated in a number of reactions essential to life. In the body, hydroxyl radicals are produced by cells to kill invading pathogens as an essential part of the body's natural defence systems. In the fresh air, hydroxyl radicals are produced by the reaction of ozone and olefins, the natural scents of flowers and plants.



About Sunlight Service Group

- Sunlight is the UK's market leader in textile rental and laundering services for industry, commerce and the NHS and public sector. The company also supplies a range of specialist services for operating theatres, used by healthcare professionals.
- With 9,000 employees working at over 60 sites, Sunlight is a major UK employer and serves many thousands of organisations in all sectors of the economy. Sunlight is innovative and constantly develops new products and services to better serve the changing needs of its customers.
- Sunlight is part of The Davis Service Group Plc, a leading provider of European textile and related services which is quoted on the London Stock Exchange.