



BK Medical Shows New, Revolutionary Advanced Robotic Ultrasound Technology (ART) at American Urological Association

Industry's Only Ultrasound Transducer Solution for Robotic-Assisted Surgery to be Demonstrated in U.S. for First Time

PEABODY, Mass., May 12, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- BK Medical, a wholly owned subsidiary of Analogic Corporation (Nasdaq:ALOG), will showcase its new Advanced Robotic Ultrasound Technology™ (ART™), the industry's first complete ultrasound imaging solution for robotic-assisted surgery, at the American Urological Association (AUA) annual meeting in Washington, DC, May 14-19, 2011. The revolutionary technology, to be demonstrated in the United States for the first time, includes the Flex Focus™ 700 Ultrasound System, specialized transducers, and tools designed specifically for robotic-assisted surgery. This new premium performance ultrasound solution from BK Medical may benefit surgeons performing robotic-assisted radical prostatectomy (RARP) procedures and robotic-assisted partial nephrectomy (RAPN) procedures.

The new ART solution includes the premium performance Flex Focus 700, the 3DART™ high-resolution endocavity transducer (8838), the RST™ Robotic Stationary Transducer Arm* for securing the endocavity transducer during procedures, and the first dedicated robotic transducer, ProART™*. The new 3DART endocavity transducer is small in diameter for minimal patient discomfort with no moving parts touching the patient. The resulting 3D data cube can be manipulated to assess anatomy and geometry of the prostate prior to surgery for planning purposes. During surgery, the 3DART transducer may also help to more clearly define the bladder neck and apex in real time during dissection.

"BK Medical has been working closely with a leading robotic-assisted surgery company, along with surgeons, to develop the ART ultrasound solution to address robotic-assisted surgery needs of today and tomorrow," said Michael Brock, president of BK Medical. "ART technology, the result of this successful collaboration, provides clinicians with a valuable tool to assess and monitor robotic-assisted surgery procedures in real time."

The company's new ProART specialized robotic transducer is designed to address the challenges of ultrasound imaging during robotic-assisted surgery. The transducer is a curved linear array that images from 12-5 MHz with 2D, color and spectral Doppler, and it can easily fit into a standard trocar. The grasping fin is optimally positioned directly over the array for superb control, maneuverability, and optimal acoustic contact. The ProART transducer has the potential to provide ultrasound guidance and verification during RAPN procedures. Early indications for ultrasound imaging also include identifying the pudendal arteries and nerves during RARP.

The foundation of the ART solution, the Flex Focus 700, offers premium performance in a small, nimble, sturdy frame that is completely mobile. The system comes with a sensitive touch screen and a remote control that provides the surgeon control of the ultrasound system from the surgical console. The system is available with the optional BK Power Pack, a full back-up power solution that provides plug-free imaging for up to four hours, allowing the system to fit into a tight space or suite without requiring an electrical source.

To see a live demonstration of the industry's first complete ultrasound imaging solution for robotic-assisted surgery, please visit the BK Medical booth #2617 at the AUA beginning Saturday, May 14, 2011, in the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon Place Northwest, Washington, DC.

About BK Medical

BK Medical is a wholly owned subsidiary of Analogic Corporation (Nasdaq:ALOG), specializing in the development and production of diagnostic ultrasound equipment. BK Medical is recognized as a global leader in the development of ultrasound systems designed for anesthesia, interventional radiology, surgery and the investigation of urological disorders. The products developed and marketed by BK Medical also include systems for other applications such as pelvic floor. BK Medical has its European headquarters in Copenhagen, Denmark, and U.S. headquarters in Peabody, Massachusetts. BK Medical is represented in 60 countries with subsidiary sales companies in Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Nordic countries, and the UK. An extensive network of distributors connects BK Medical with Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and the rest of the world. For more information visit www.bkmed.com.

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