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RE: HOSPITAL ANNOUNCES COMPUTERIZED TOMOGRAPHY (CT) SCANNER

Smiths Falls, ON - The Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital has announced its intent to purchase, install and operate a 64 slice Computerized Tomography (CT) scanner. The introduction of this service is part of our recently approved Strategic Plan. This is a major milestone for our hospital, our patients and our community at large, said Tim Carter, Board Chair. The hospital has been working in close collaboration with the South East Local Health Integration network (SELHIN) to make this a reality. We greatly appreciate the approval by the SELHIN as we work together to build a high quality, sustainable health system. The total capital cost of the project, including the cost of the unit is estimated to be \$2.2 million. Based on Board approvals, the expectation is that the service will be operational in the 2009/2010 fiscal year. The service will be delivered out of the Smiths Falls site. It is estimated that approximately 3,000 scans will be performed annually.

While CT uses x-ray technology, it is distinguished from other diagnostic imaging methods by its ability to offer detailed views of many types of tissue, organs, muscles, including lungs, bones, soft tissues and blood vessels. Linda Bisonette, Vice President, Patient Care Services & CNE stated, A CT scanner will provide state of the art diagnostic imaging services for patients. Its introduction will be a tremendous asset to patient care and will allow us to continue to move forward in our quest to ensure access to care as close to the patients home as possible. Patients currently requiring a CT scan in the area are transferred to other hospitals. A CT scanner is an integral part of our plan to continually improve services for the patients served by the Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital, added Todd Stepanuik, President and CEO.

This is wonderful news for the residents of the immediate catchment area, said Dr. Peter Roney, Chief of Staff. The hospital Board and leadership continue to make important investments in cutting-edge technology that will allow us to better serve patients and referring physicians. This tool will be another great asset for the Diagnostic Imaging Department.

Dr. Margaret Anne Laws, Chair, Diagnostic Imaging, adds, A CT is a powerful diagnostic tool,

and has become the standard of care for many patient conditions. The addition of a 64 slice CT will compliment the high range of quality diagnostic services already offered by the hospital. CT allows the physician to improve patient care by arriving at a diagnosis with greater clarity and precision faster and providing the necessary treatment faster.

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