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Optiscan continues collaboration with Carl Zeiss

Optiscan Imaging (ASX:OIL) announces that the company continues its collaboration with Carl Zeiss in the medical fields of neurosurgery, ear, nose and throat (ENT) surgery and spinal surgery.

The cooperation has existed since 2007. The parties are developing Optiscan's confocal microscopy technology for use in these highly specialised medical fields.

The alliance offers Optiscan the opportunity to develop new product lines to add to its existing product currently used by endoscopists in gastroenterology.

The Optiscan technology provides an opportunity for Carl Zeiss to expand its product line further and to fill a medical need not met by any other technology available on the market.

Preliminary results of the collaboration were presented by Dr. Tejas Sankar, at the 2009 American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) Conference. An abstract can be found on the AANS website

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About Optiscan

Optiscan is a global leader in microscopic imaging technologies for medical markets. Optiscan's unique and patented technologies enable high-powered microscopes to be miniaturised and used inside the body. The technology enables microscopic imaging of up to 1000 times magnification to be achieved. Doctors can use the technology to instantly see cellular level details of tissue without the requirement to surgically remove tissue (biopsy).