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Postponement of MedtecLIVE together with MedTech Summit Congress & Partnering

Due to the continued increasing spread of the coronavirus in Europe, MedtecLIVE GmbH has decided to postpone MedtecLIVE 2020 together with MedTech Summit Congress & Partnering: from the planned date of 31 March to 2 April 2020 to a date later in 2020 that has yet to be determined. The health and safety of all exhibitors, visitors and employees has top priority. In awareness of this responsibility and after careful consideration of the relevant recommendations, the management has decided to take this protective measure.

MedtecLIVE together with the MedTech Summit is the leading European meeting place for the medical technology supply chain in spring. The increased spread of Covid-19 in Europe has now led to a reassessment of the situation regarding the event in close coordination with the responsible health authorities. “Acting responsibly at this time means minimizing health risks. This applies to each individual as well as to companies and society as a whole. We hope that the industry will understand the decision to postpone the event and we thank our partners who have consistently supported this step,” says Rolf Keller, Managing Director of MedtecLIVE GmbH.

MedtecLIVE together with MedTech Summit will be postponed to a date later this year that has yet to be determined. “We are aware of the great importance of the trade fair and congress for the medical technology sector and its suppliers, but also for the many innovators in research, teaching and start-ups. That's why we are now working hard to find the best possible alternative date for the event. The goal of every trade fair must be to create a safe, positive atmosphere to enable networking and expansion of existing business relations,” continues Rolf Keller.
“The medtech community is full of anticipation for the big event,” said Dr. Matthias Schier, Managing Director of Forum MedTech Pharma e.V., the honorary sponsor of MedtecLIVE and the MedTech Summit. “We regret all the more that it is not possible to meet in Nuremberg at the end of March in view of the current health situation. The health of every single participant is close to our hearts - as is the desire to create a broad platform for comprehensive networking. Both can best be ensured by postponing the event.

Dr. Marc-Pierre Möll, Managing Director of the German Medical Technology Association (BVMed) emphasizes: “BVMed advises the employees of its member companies and all healthcare professionals to act prudently with regard to the coronavirus and to take the situation seriously. We therefore welcome the well-considered step to postpone MedtecLIVE to a later date in 2020 and will continue our involvement at the future date.”

“Postponing MedtecLIVE 2020 together with MedTech Summit to a date later this year is the right response to the current situation,” explains Hans-Peter Bursig, ZVEI's Managing Director for Electromedical Technology. "Trade fairs and congresses thrive on personal encounters, dialogue and networking. The postponement ensures that MedtecLIVE has the best conditions for this."

**About MedtecLIVE and MedTech Summit**

MedtecLIVE trade fair in combination with MedTech Summit Congress & Partnering is a leading networking platform for the international medical technology community. The range of solutions on display covers the full medical technology supply chain, from prototypes to market-ready products. Companies, associations and institutions come together at MedtecLIVE to make contacts, share ideas and create new innovations. The international alignment of MedtecLIVE was confirmed in 2019, when it welcomed visitors from 50 different countries who networked with the more than 400 exhibitors from 30 nations. The renowned MedTech Summit Congress & Partnering event that accompanies the exhibition enables manufacturers, end-users and researchers to hold interdisciplinary discussions on the future
developments in the sector. This particular event is organised by the Bavarian Ministry of Economic Affairs, Regional Development and Energy and realised by Bayern Innovativ. The industry network Forum MedTech Pharma is the institutional sponsor of MedtecLIVE and MedTech Summit.

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