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**ANSELL CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF INNOVATION WITH GAMMEX® SURGICAL GLOVES**  
*Company Cements Pledge to Continued Innovation with Launch of New  
Medical Solutions Innovation Centre*

**29, September 2015, Iselin, NJ** – Ansell, a global leader in protection solutions, is proud to announce its 50<sup>th</sup> year designing and manufacturing GAMMEX® surgical gloves. Innovation has been at the core of the brand since its inception, and that commitment will continue in the future, as evidenced by the launch of the Company's new Medical Solutions Innovation Centre in Melaka (Malaysia). In an era where rapid innovation and disruption are a constant, Ansell has achieved five decades of unparalleled expertise in providing healthcare workers with surgical solutions that offer the comfort, safety and advanced allergy protection they demand.

GAMMEX surgical gloves were first introduced in 1965 by Harvey Ansell, the son of Ansell founder Eric Norman Ansell, who had the innovative vision of creating and packaging disposable gloves already sterilized for use via gamma radiation. His dream became reality when GAMMEX gloves flooded the Australian market in 1966. By 1967, the Company was ready to penetrate offshore markets. Over the course of the next 50 years, new technologies, packaging, and products launched under the GAMMEX brand would keep healthcare workers protected around the world.

"2015 undoubtedly marks a year of achievement for Ansell and GAMMEX, but it also reminds us of the work we have ahead of us," says Tony Lopez, President and General Manager of the Medical Global Business Unit at Ansell. "We must continue creating and innovating in order to provide OR nurses, surgeons and other healthcare workers with equipment that not only allows them to do their best work, but keeps them and their patients safe."

Two years ago, Ansell celebrated the introduction of its proprietary SENSOPRENE® formulation in its GAMMEX non-latex product offerings. The formulation offers a solution for Type 1 (latex) and Type IV (chemical) allergies while providing an unprecedented level of sensitivity and comfort. Among healthcare providers, the incidence of latex allergies has been reported to be as high as 17% and glove-related chemical allergies as high as 33%. In celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, GAMMEX is launching its newest glove with SENSOPRENE formulation – the Non-Latex Underglove. This unique surgical underglove sets a new standard for allergy management, and when used in combination with GAMMEX Non-Latex Sensitive surgical gloves, offers easy identification of a glove breach with its contrasting green color. Ansell also provides GAMMEX products with Antimicrobial Technology (AMT™), which are designed to help address the problem of surgical site infections (SSI) and help reduce the risk of microbial transmission. Though the products are only available for sale in select countries, Ansell is working with regulatory bodies across the globe to bring this innovative technology to

market.

In addition to breakthrough technological innovations, Ansell also looks to innovate in other ways that will benefit its end users. The Company recently launched the newly designed SMART Pack for its GAMMEX gloves in EMEA. The new packaging will help with overall efficiencies – allowing doctors and nurses to easily grab and go - and is environmentally friendly. SMART Pack is scheduled to roll out globally in the coming months and will expand beyond GAMMEX into other surgical brands in the Ansell portfolio.

The new Medical Solutions Innovation Centre houses approximately 40 scientists and technicians, working in the areas of new product development, as well as product and process improvements for medical gloves. The Centre also has a state-of-the-art pilot line accessible next door that will be used to expedite new product development and commercialization, investigate process efficiency improvements, as well as run trials to better understand the impact of process variables on glove quality.

To culminate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary global campaign, Ansell has partnered with Direct Relief to set a goal of donating 50,000 pairs of gloves this year. Every message captured to its global eCard, will equate to a donation of 50 pairs of gloves. To join Ansell in celebrating this milestone and to sign the Anniversary eCard, please visit: [www.gammex50.com](http://www.gammex50.com).

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## **About Ansell**

Ansell is a world leader in providing superior health and safety protection solutions that enhance human well-being. With operations in North America, Latin America/Caribbean, EMEA and Asia, Ansell employs 15,000 people worldwide and holds leading positions in the personal protective equipment and medical gloves market, as well as in the sexual health and well-being category worldwide. Ansell operates in four main business segments: Medical, Industrial, Single Use and Sexual Wellness. Information on Ansell and its products can be found at [www.ansell.com](http://www.ansell.com).

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