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Surgical Pioneer and Innovator Thomas Krummel M.D. joins NewGen Surgical's Board of Directors

Recipient of 2020 William E. Ladd Medal, the highest honor in pediatric surgery, and Chair Emeritus, Department of Surgery Stanford University School of Medicine, Dr. Krummel looks forward to supporting the company and its mission to design sustainable surgical products with reduced environmental impact.

San Rafael, California, October 27, 2020 – NewGen Surgical is pleased to announce that Thomas Krummel M.D. has joined the board of directors. Dr. Krummel has over 35 years of experience as a surgeon, innovator, medtech pioneer, educator, mentor, and inspirational leader in the healthcare industry.

“With the climate crisis, pandemic, and the degradation of our environment because of chemicals of concern and plastic pollution, I am compelled to do something that will contribute to making a difference. Today’s environmental impacts are already affecting people’s health, especially children and the most vulnerable. As medical professionals, we have a responsibility to protect public health, today and for future generations, from the unhealthy impacts of climate change and pollution, especially as it relates to the negative environmental footprint of healthcare products and operations. It is a key tenet of our Hippocratic oath, “First Do No Harm”. I am inspired and energized about joining the Board of Directors of NewGen Surgical as they lead the industry in the development of low carbon, plant-based, sustainable surgical products.” said Dr. Krummel

Dr. Krummel's esteemed career includes surgeon-in-chief at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford, program director for the general surgery residency program, chair of the Department of Surgery Stanford School of Medicine, the Emile Holman Professor and Chair Emeritus, Department of Surgery Stanford University School of Medicine, and the Susan B. Ford Surgeon-in-Chief. Since 2006, Dr. Krummel has partnered with Dr. Paul Yock to co-direct the Stanford Byers Center for Biodesign. The program is designed to teach doctors, engineers, and business professionals medtech innovation through interdisciplinary research and education in engineering and the biomedical sciences.

"With his leadership roles, commitment to product innovation and experience working with early stage high growth medical device companies, Dr. Krummel will be an asset to our board. As we develop new products and expand our company to meet the challenges of our time with our mission to mitigate the climate and pollution effects on human health, Dr. Krummel's experiences will be incredibly insightful. The opportunity and the impact we can have in greening the healthcare supply chain with sustainably designed products has never been more important," said Rob Chase, president and founder of NewGen Surgical.

Dr. Krummel has served on Boards of Directors and Scientific Advisory Boards of more than 20 successful early stage medtech device start-ups and is an author or co-author of over 300 publications, abstracts, and books. In the last 20 years, he has been a pioneer in the application of information technology to simulation-based surgical training and surgical robotics. For his work in surgical robotics, Dr. Krummel received two ComputerWorld Smithsonian Awards. He has served in leadership positions across several surgical societies including the American College of Surgeons (ACS), American Surgical Association (ASA), American Board of Surgery (ABS), the American Board of Plastic Surgery, and president of the American Pediatric Surgical Association. Dr. Krummel earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside and his medical degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin.

About NewGen Surgical

NewGen Surgical, Inc. develops and manufactures plant-based, single-use medical devices and products. With Smart Sustainable Design™ the company's mission is to offer clinically effective product solutions to measurably reduce plastic waste and Scope 3 CO₂ emissions. NewGen Surgical products are California Prop 65 compliant; free of intentionally added BPA or BPA derived plastics, mercury, phthalates, and PVC. Currently, the company offers six product lines, available direct or through major national distributors American Contract Systems, Cardinal Health, Concordance Healthcare Solutions, Medline Industries, and Owens & Minor. Founded in 2012 in the San Francisco Bay Area, NewGen Surgical is a member of the American Sustainable Business Council and Practice Greenhealth's Greening the OR® Initiative, and recipient of the California Product Stewardship Council 2018 Green Arrow Award for circular economy innovation.