

Smart Matrix Limited**Smart Matrix enters into exclusive contract manufacturing agreement with Collagen Solutions PLC**

Agreement will ensure scalable manufacturing capacity for the Company's clinical development and long-term commercial requirements

3 April 2017, Smart Matrix Limited ('SML' or 'the Company'), the advanced wound healing company, today announces that it has entered into a development and manufacturing agreement with Collagen Solutions plc (AIM: COS), the developer and manufacturer of medical grade collagen components for use in regenerative medicine, medical devices and in-vitro diagnostics.

Under the agreement Collagen Solutions will undertake the manufacture of Smart Matrix®, SML's advanced wound healing product. Initial production output will be used for technical validation purposes and in a pivotal clinical trial planned for early 2018. Collagen Solutions has the capacity to provide sufficient product to support commercial launch and scale up, once necessary regulatory clearances for Smart Matrix® have been obtained.

Andy Hill, Chief Executive Officer, said: "For an early stage medical device business like SML, identifying and choosing the right partners early is critically important. Our manufacturing needs are very specific and require a high level of skill and expertise that we know Collagen Solutions has. We are delighted to have been able to enter into this important partnership as we take our first steps on the path to commercialising Smart Matrix® and look forward to collaborating closely with the Collagen Solutions team."

Jamal Rushdy, CEO of Collagen Solutions commented: "We are excited to announce this new partnership with SML's team at a very exciting stage of its growth. Our activities in the wound care space are increasing, and partners such as SML can benefit from our expertise in the manufacture of biomaterial based tissue scaffolds, and which can potentially deliver improved clinical outcomes in the treatment of large, chronic, complex and hard to treat wounds. This partnership is consistent with our early stage development activities with partners, with the benefit of recurring revenues from the project to be realised in future years when Smart Matrix® is in full commercial production, subject to regulatory approvals."

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About Smart Matrix Limited

Smart Matrix Limited ('SML') was spun out of the Restoration of Appearance and Function Trust ("RAFT"), a medical research charity based at Mount Vernon hospital, Middlesex, UK, in late 2011.

SML is focused on the commercialisation of products from a proprietary platform technology developed by RAFT scientists based on a matrix manufactured from fibrin, a natural product of the healing process, and alginate, a product derived from seaweed and widely used in wound care products.

The first product developed from this platform is Smart Matrix®, a scaffold designed to help the body rapidly close wounds and regenerate lost skin. Smart Matrix® works by encouraging the growth of skin cells and new blood vessels, critical to healthy healing.

SML has an exclusive, world-wide license to Smart Matrix® and first right of refusal to license other products developed by RAFT that are based on the underlying platform technology. The potential applications of the platform include acute wound care, bone healing and regeneration, dental and soft-tissue repair.

For further information see: www.smartmatrix.co.uk

About Collagen Solutions plc

Collagen Solutions Plc is a global supplier, developer, and manufacturer of medical grade collagen, tissues, and related medical devices and components for use in regenerative medicine, medical devices and in-vitro diagnostics and research. The Company is also expanding its range of biomaterials-based finished medical devices based on its internal and acquired intellectual property for commercialisation with partners via licensing and distribution arrangements, including ChondroMimetic, an osteochondral scaffold for repairing cartilage defects in the knee. The Company's products are used in a wide variety of applications including orthopedics, cardiovascular, dental, plastic surgery, wound healing, neurology and urology.

For additional information on Collagen Solutions, please visit: www.collagensolutions.com