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**DeLegge Medical Expands Services  
To Include Regulatory Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategy**  
*Teams with Health Policy Strategists to Advise Life Sciences Innovators, Investors*

(Charleston, April 9, 2014) — South Carolina medical technology companies will now have a way to help curb the costs and delays often caused by the next set of federal red tape, thanks to a new service offered by a leading S.C. biotech consulting firm.

Charleston-based DeLegge Medical has teamed up with Washington health care experts to help start-ups, investors and firms in the heavily regulated health care sector. The service assists med tech businesses, such as medical device, mobile health application, biotech and health information technology, by identifying emerging regulatory hurdles and developing ways to avoid or reduce their harmful impact.

“Every day, health care regulators plot new challenges to put in front of med tech companies,” Rebecca DeLegge, partner and bioengineer at DeLegge Medical, said. “Our clients bear a heavier burden from Washington’s rules and regulations.

“If they could see what’s coming sooner and factor that information into their business strategies, these companies would save time and resources. That’s what we’re doing with this new service.”

To assess these regulatory risks, DeLegge has turned to Jacqueline Halbig von Schleppenbach, founder and principal of Sovereign Global Solutions, and James Edwards, founder and CEO of ELITE Strategic Services. SGS and ELITE together provide a Regulatory Risk Assessment through a strategic joint venture.

“We know that businesses from mHealth start-ups to major telecom companies have failed to discern the regulatory risks brewing over the horizon, and those mistakes cost them money, time, lost opportunity and foregone revenue,” Schleppenbach said. “DeLegge Medical is providing something that every health care company needs.”

A Regulatory Risk Assessment is custom-designed for each client. This service is a research and analytical project, developed and conducted for a business or an investor. The resulting assessment synthesizes human intelligence, legislative and policy research, analysis and expert insight by Washington veterans.

Schleppenbach and Edwards bring a wealth of Washington experience to the task of ID’ing and assessing new and emerging regulations. Schleppenbach served in the George W. Bush White House, as well as the Departments of Health and Human Services and of Labor. She held senior executive positions and worked firsthand on

health policies. She founded Sovereign Global Solutions after leaving the administration and has consulted to many health care clients.

Edwards, a South Carolina native, worked in both the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. His service included Sen. Strom Thurmond's staff, as well as posts as health policy aide and legislative director. He was an executive at the Healthcare Leadership Council, an association that develops and pursues market-based, consumer-centered health reforms. He consults to various health care clients.

Dr. Mark DeLegge, partner at DeLegge Medical and formerly on the faculty of the Medical University of South Carolina, said looking beyond regulatory compliance to a unique strategic outlook can give a medical technology firm a competitive edge.

"Compliance with existing regulatory requirements is vital, but if you don't look up from the path to see the regulatory threats forming ahead, it could doom your business," Dr. DeLegge said. "That's why we wanted to add this critical aspect to the strategic advisory mix. We're very pleased to partner with Jacqueline and Jim."

"DeLegge Medical was already a med tech leader, not only in South Carolina, but across the country and around the world," Edwards said. "Helping clients uniquely identify emerging regulatory risks and opportunities and work those into their business plans further differentiates DeLegge Medical.

"We're thrilled to have joined forces with a firm that's five steps ahead of everybody else. DeLegge Medical's foresight is a bonus for life sciences companies in South Carolina."

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*About DeLegge Medical:*

DeLegge Medical, located in Charleston, S.C., designs custom medical devices and models, helps innovators accelerate their technology from invention through commercialization, and provides customized explanted tissues and related services. DeLegge Medical is part of the DeLegge Family Companies.

*About Sovereign Global Solutions:*

Sovereign Global Solutions offers strategic consulting and business development services to a diverse client base, both domestically and globally. SGS, located in Northern Virginia and Lincoln, Neb., provides customized business development strategies, consulting and intelligence, government affairs, and project management.

*About ELITE Strategic Services:*

ELITE Strategic Services, L.L.C., provides strategic advisory services to medical technology companies, investors, and M&A teams. Located in the Washington, D.C., area, ELITE performs policy- and business-related consulting, research, intelligence-gathering, analysis, advice, and business development services for its clients.