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**SterilMed Receives Health Industry Environmental Excellence Award**

Maple Grove, Minn. – April 7, 2011 – SterilMed, Inc., a leader in the cleaning, sterilizing, and remanufacturing of medical devices and equipment for safe reuse in hospitals and clinics, has been awarded the 2011 Environmental Excellence Award from Practice Greenhealth, an association promoting earth friendly practices in the health care industry. The award was announced at the CleanMed 2011 conference for health care environmental leaders in Phoenix, Ariz.

Honored in the competition's Champion for Change category for companies that help customers improve their sustainability performance, SterilMed was recognized for the environmental benefits it provides by reprocessing and repairing medical devices and equipment collected from hospitals – and for its greenMed™ medical device recycling program.

Last year, SterilMed's reprocessing business kept 5.8 million devices – about 2.5 million pounds of medical waste – from going into landfills. In addition, through its new greenMed Device Recycling Program, SterilMed reclaimed the metal and plastic from more than 142,000 used medical devices that otherwise would have gone to landfills.

"Health care is among the top contributors to environmental waste," said Brian Sullivan, CEO and president of SterilMed. "So credit for this award must also be given to our hospital customers. It is their commitment to device reprocessing and recycling – and to lowering their environmental impact – that enabled us to receive this honor. And it is their commitment that allows us to fulfill a key part of our mission to help protect the earth and its natural resources."

The award also highlighted SterilMed's latest medical device recycling effort – a partnership with Healing the Children, a nonprofit organization providing medical care and clinical support for children in need. During 2010, SterilMed donated up to 2,000 medical devices each month for medical and surgical mission trips sponsored by Healing the Children.

*About SterilMed*

Maple Grove, Minn.-based SterilMed® offers services designed to assist healthcare providers to lower their medical device and equipment costs and reduce medical waste. Its device reprocessing services maximize the life of "single-use" medical devices while ensuring that they are safe to reuse. SterilMed offers a uniquely integrated approach to medical device reprocessing that ensures streamlined logistics and a rigorous quality system that provides cost savings without compromise to patient safety. Among the types of devices approved for reprocessing are devices used in the OR department as well as the GI and EP/Cath labs. Since 1997 SterilMed has helped healthcare providers divert thousands of tons of medical waste from landfills and save hundreds of millions of dollars for member facilities. For more information, please visit [www.sterilmed.com](http://www.sterilmed.com).

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