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Medtronic and the Vikings to Unveil "The Horn" Monument on Medtronic Plaza Outside U.S. Bank Stadium

New 38-Ton Artistic Landmark Represents the Spirit of Progress and Partnership That Together Lead Our Community to a Better Future

MINNEAPOLIS - May 11, 2016 - Medtronic plc (NYSE: MDT) and the Minnesota Vikings today announced Medtronic's contribution of a new contemporary art sculpture on Medtronic Plaza, just outside the Vikings' new home at U.S. Bank Stadium.

Funded privately by Medtronic and designed by Minneapolis design firm Alliiance, the monument is titled "The Horn." The Horn is an aesthetically striking sculpture, consisting of two flowing ribbons. The inside surfaces of both ribbons are polished and seamless mirrors, reflecting the many faces of the community who come to explore and interact with the sculpture. The combined shape of the spirals also represents the Gjallarhorn, a familiar symbol to Vikings fans. The Vikings sound a Gjallarhorn prior to all home games. Once erected, the sculpture will be approximately 107 feet long, 25 feet high and 30 feet wide, weighing over 38 tons. It will be constructed using structural tube steel and plate steel framing, mirror finish stainless steel and painted metal panels. Embedded LED lighting will ensure the sculpture remains visible at night. It will be located just 85 feet from the world's largest glass doors at the stadium's entrance.

"The Horn is a visible icon representing partnership and progress - not just on a football field, but in our community," said Rob Clark, vice president of Global Communications and Corporate Marketing at Medtronic. "We hope this sculpture is enjoyed by everyone who comes to visit Medtronic Plaza."

"This unique monument continues the Vikings theme of connecting with the community and our fans throughout their stadium experience, beginning with the first step they take on Medtronic Plaza," said Vikings Chief Operating Officer Kevin Warren. "We believe The Horn will serve as another gathering spot for fans and we hope it will help create lasting memories of their experience at U.S. Bank Stadium."

"Alliiance has worked with Medtronic for over 25 years, and we feel extremely honored to be able to design a monument that embodies their commitment to this community," said Ross Naylor, principal of Alliiance.

Installation is expected to be completed in August 2016.

Medtronic's 10-year partnership with the Vikings includes the exclusive sponsorship of Medtronic Plaza, the three-acre gateway between downtown Minneapolis and U.S. Bank Stadium; a community service program with the Vikings; and sponsorship of the Medtronic Club inside the stadium.

Located adjacent to the west entrance of U.S. Bank Stadium, Medtronic Plaza provides a place for people to meet and celebrate before and after games, concerts and events throughout the year.

Medtronic's partnership with the Minnesota Vikings is the latest example of the company's ongoing presence in the local community. In the last five years, Medtronic and the Medtronic Foundation have given more than $56 million in Minnesota.

Multimedia Release

A multimedia version of this release, with links to a downloadable video, graphics and additional background information can be found at: http://bit.ly/1TCTjfH

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