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IMRIS RECEIVES FDA CLEARANCE FOR 3 TESLA *IMRISneuro*

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, December 18, 2008 - IMRIS Inc. (TSX: IM) ("IMRIS" or the "Company") today announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has cleared the Company's 3 Tesla *IMRISneuro* for sale in the U.S. *IMRISneuro* is now available with either a 1.5 Tesla (1.5T) or a 3 Tesla (3T) magnet. Both systems provide IMRIS' patented technology and utilize 70 cm wide bore advanced magnetic resonance imaging systems from Siemens.

The 3T *IMRISneuro* provides higher quality advanced imaging techniques for surgical planning such as diffusion tensor imaging (DTI), functional MRI and spectroscopy as well as superior quality vascular imaging in a robust platform specifically designed for use in an operating room. This additional system provides hospitals with more choice to meet the unique and growing needs of intraoperative and interventional imaging.

"Just three years after the successful commercialization of our first advanced intraoperative imaging product, IMRIS continues to revolutionize the field with this latest addition of a 3T wide bore magnet to the *IMRISneuro* family of surgical imaging solutions," said David Graves, President and CEO of IMRIS. "We believe the 3T *IMRISneuro* system is the most advanced surgical imaging technology available today, providing physicians with timely access to information that can measurably improve the outcome of interventional and surgical procedures."

Mr. Graves continued, "This latest addition to the *IMRISneuro* platform further demonstrates that IMRIS is at the very leading edge of innovative imaging technology development, and provides another indication of our continuing commitment to improving patient outcomes."

The 3T *IMRISneuro* has also been approved in Canada, with the first system delivered to Foothills Hospital in Calgary, Alberta in November 2008. Previously, Foothills Hospital led the way in intraoperative MR imaging by being the first in the world to choose the 1.5T *IMRISneuro* system.

About IMRIS

IMRIS (TSX: IM) is a global leader in providing fully integrated, advanced surgical imaging solutions. The company's flagship product, *IMRISneuro*, utilizes patented technology that allows a high field MRI scanner to be moved in to the operating room on demand, providing imaging during the surgical procedure without compromising patient safety. This unique and innovative system has been validated by leading neurosurgeons for use in world-class neuroscience centers.

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