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ACTRESS MARLEE MATLIN RELIED ON THE LENSAR™ LASER SYSTEM FOR HER CHALLENGING CATARACT SURGERY

Performed by Dr. Kerry Assil, the Procedure Restored Matlin’s Eyesight and Will Air Today on “The Doctors” TV Show

ORLANDO, FLA., Nov. 07, 2013 – The LENSAR™ Laser System will be featured today on “The Doctors,” as the Emmy award-winning television show describes how Dr. Kerry Assil, using LENSAR Inc.’s cataract surgery technology, helped save actress Marlee Matlin’s vision.

The success of the eye surgery held significant importance for Matlin, who is the only deaf performer to win the Academy Award for Best Actress in a leading role (for Children of a Lesser God). She and Dr. Assil chose LENSAR’s technology for her cataract surgery because she wanted to ensure the best-possible results, as her procedure was more complicated than usual, due to the density of the cataract.

“I was losing the ability to read, drive and do daily tasks, and with hearing loss I rely on my eyesight to an even greater extent,” said Matlin. “I knew my case was complicated, and I understood there could be trouble down the road if things weren’t done correctly, so I really wanted the best-available technology and the best doctor. I have to say, the results show that I made the right decision with the LENSAR Laser System and Dr. Assil.”

Dr. Assil said he felt confident about Matlin’s cataract procedure in part because he would be using the LENSAR Laser System. “Her relative youth coupled with the advanced nature of her cataract presented challenges,” he said. “The advantage of the LENSAR Laser System is its absolute accuracy. The femtosecond laser softened her cataract, thus diminishing the amount of required ultrasound energy (providing an added safety net) and the automated measurement and placement of the capsulotomy enhanced the precision of her effective lens positioning. In Ms. Matlin’s case, these contributions of greater safety and accuracy could affect her vision for years to come. Thanks to LENSAR’s precise imaging and laser placement, I was able to ensure Ms. Matlin received the best-possible long term outcome from her cataract surgery.”

For channel listings and times of “The Doctors” show tonight, please check your local listings or visit http://www.thedoctorstv.com/main/show_page/1453.

“`The Doctors’ is presenting a powerful story about an amazing actress and state-of-the-art medical technology that has brought cataract surgery a long way in a short time,” said Dr. Assil. “It’s inspiring, and I highly recommend it.”

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About LENSAR, Inc.
LENSAR, Inc. is a leader in the development and commercialization of a more intelligent solution for refractive laser-assisted cataract surgery. LENSAR’s Augmented Reality technology provides a 3-D model of the eye’s anterior anatomy, resulting in customized treatment and precise placement of every laser pulse. Similar to a CAT scan, LENSAR’s Augmented Reality’s rotating imaging identifies and measures the relevant ocular structures with unsurpassed clarity. As a result, LENSAR’s technology has redefined safety and enabled physicians to handle even the most difficult cataract cases with peace of mind.

The LENSAR Laser System gives cataract surgeons the power to execute accurate incisions with unprecedented precision and repeatability. It provides precise capsulotomy incision size, shape and location, thereby enhancing effective IOL lens positioning and fitting for each individual patient, leading to optimized patient outcomes.

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