STERIS Announces Outcome of Ethylene Oxide Trial

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DUBLIN, IRELAND, Jan. 21, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- STERIS plc (NYSE: STE) (“STERIS” or the “Company”) today announced that a jury trial that had been ongoing since December 4, 2024, against Isomedix Operations, Inc. (“Isomedix”), a subsidiary of the Company, ended in a mistrial on January 17, 2025.

The case is pending in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, and involves claims by an individual plaintiff that ethylene oxide emissions from a sterilization facility in Waukegan, Illinois, caused personal injury. Isomedix owned and operated the facility from 2005 to 2008.

The Court declared a mistrial at Plaintiff’s request during jury deliberations when dismissal of one of the jurors reduced the jury to fewer than twelve. The Court will schedule the case for re-trial at a later date.

Isomedix intends to continue to vigorously defend against allegations regarding ethylene oxide operations and emissions from the Waukegan, Illinois facility during 2005 to 2008. Deploying its own rigorous best practices, Isomedix has regularly invested in its facilities and has created processes and procedures that meet or exceed the applicable environmental regulatory standards.

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