ORBIS FLYING EYE HOSPITAL
At Burlington International Airport on August 30 and 31, 2011

St. Johnsbury, Vermont – August 8, 2011 Mobile Medical International Corporation (MMIC) and ORBIS International are pleased to announce that the world’s only Flying Eye Hospital will be landing in Burlington, Vermont for two days later this month. The Flying Eye Hospital, a state-of-the-art surgical and training facility housed inside of a DC-10 aircraft, will be on display at the Heritage Aviation facility at Burlington International Airport on Tuesday, August 30 and Wednesday, August 31. Visitors will have the opportunity to tour the aircraft, meet the volunteer pilots, crew and doctors, talk with the team who works aboard the aircraft, and learn about the next-generation MD-10 Flying Eye Hospital being designed and manufactured by MMIC in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Space is limited and tour pre-registration is required at www.orbis.org/BTV.

“MMIC is thrilled to bring an event of this magnitude to Vermont,” said MMIC President and CEO Rick Cochran. “We are incredibly proud to have been chosen by ORBIS to build their third-generation Flying Eye Hospital right here in St. Johnsbury. It is our great honor to help ORBIS continue to treat and cure blindness, and provide access to medical education in developing countries around the world.” Thanks to the support received from U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy, former Governor Jim Douglas, former Lt. Governor Brian Dubie and others, MMIC was awarded a multi-year contract by ORBIS in December, 2010 to design and manufacture the next-generation Flying Eye Hospital. Work on the complex interior aircraft modules is underway, with an anticipated completion date in late 2012.

The ORBIS Flying Eye Hospital visit is also being coordinated by the Vermont Chamber of Commerce’s Aerospace and Aviation Association (VAAA), in conjunction with VAAA’s quarterly meeting. VAAA Honorary Chair Senator Patrick Leahy and VAAA Chair Brian Dubie will be on hand for the MMIC-sponsored event at the Heritage Aviation facility on Tuesday, August 30 from 3:00-5:30 p.m. ORBIS Director of Aviation and Flying Eye Hospital Project Manager Jack McHale will also speak at the event.

The public is invited to join in welcoming ORBIS to Vermont and learn about their programs that are making a huge difference around the world. MMIC’s Mobile Surgery Unit™ (MSU ™) will also be on display. The MSU’s advanced technology and systems integration provides equivalency of care that is unsurpassed in mobile healthcare facilities. For more information please contact Mary Jane Miller: mmiller@mmicglobal.com or 802-748-2322 or contact the Vermont Chamber: Chris Carrigan, ccarrigan@vtchamber.com, 802-223-0904, or June Dobbins, jdobbins@vtchamber.com, 802-585-5747.

About MMIC
Rick Cochran founded Mobile Medical International Corporation in 1994 with the vision of bringing advanced medical care to underserved areas throughout the world. Today, MMIC ‘s commercial product line offers U.S. healthcare code-compliant Mobile Surgery Units and other healthcare delivery facilities that provide on-site solutions to meet domestic and international humanitarian, military, and disaster readiness needs. Mr. Cochran was selected as the 2011 SBA National and Vermont Person of the Year. For more information on MMIC, please visit www.mmicglobal.com.
About ORBIS
ORBIS is a global non-profit organization dedicated to saving sight and eliminating avoidable blindness worldwide. Since its founding and first mission in Panama in 1982, ORBIS has carried out programs in 88 countries to provide medical training, tools and technology for local partners to address the tragedy of avoidable blindness in their communities. The Flying Eye Hospital's 2011 missions include Syria, Laos, Nigeria, Mongolia, Guatemala and Peru. ORBIS has an active pool of roughly 500 volunteer faculty members who provide clinical and technical expertise at local hospitals as well as onboard its Flying Eye Hospital. ORBIS uses volunteer pilots from FedEx and United Airlines to transport the Flying Eye Hospital from one destination to the next. As a result of ORBIS’ support, more than 15 million individuals have received medical care and more than a quarter of a million eye care professionals have been trained. ORBIS relies on financial and gift-in-kind donations from individuals, corporations and foundations to help fund its urgently needed sight-saving programs. Other stops on the 2011 ORBIS Goodwill Tour include Los Angeles, Ft. Worth, Memphis, Toronto, Ottawa and Singapore. For more information on ORBIS, please visit www.orbis.org.

About VAAA
The VAAA is managed by the Vermont Chamber of Commerce. The Association was established in an effort to promote growth and job creation in Vermont’s aerospace, aviation, and related industries. The Association hosts quarterly meetings at aviation facilities around Vermont to provide important updates in aviation and aerospace, and networking opportunities for over 270 manufacturers and supply chain partners. For more information on VAAA please visit www.Vtchamber.com/business/vaaa.

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