LivaNova to Restructure its Heart Valve Business Line and End Caisson Transcatheter Mitral Valve Replacement Program

London, November 20, 2019 – LivaNova PLC (NASDAQ:LIVN), a market-leading medical technology and innovation company, today announced it is ending its Caisson Transcatheter Mitral Valve Replacement (TMVR) program and will undertake a restructuring of its heart valve business to improve profitability and ensure business continuity.

“The time has come to address the continued declines we have experienced in our heart valve business. We will restructure and simplify our heart valve manufacturing network, which will eliminate operational overlap between facilities and enable us to address new regulatory requirements,” said Damien McDonald, Chief Executive Officer of LivaNova. “As we evaluated these changes along with those in the structural heart market, we determined it was no longer viable to continue to invest in our TMVR program. As a result, we will close our Caisson TMVR operations.”

The LivaNova heart valve business line represented nearly $130 million in revenue for full-year 2018 and has experienced a revenue decline over the last five years across both biological and mechanical valves. These declines were due to multiple market conditions, while portfolio maintenance costs increased specifically due to higher regulatory requirements. After a comprehensive analysis, the Company determined a restructuring is necessary.

Under this plan, LivaNova’s Saluggia, Italy facility will become dedicated to R&D and production of mechanical heart valves, rings, accessories and Nitinol stents. LivaNova tissue heart valve production will be concentrated in the Company’s Vancouver, Canada plant.

The closure of Caisson TMVR operations in Minneapolis, Minn. will be effective at the end of 2019. Patients who participated in clinical trials related to TMVR will continue to be followed within the parameters of the trial.

Under the restructuring plan, which will be implemented subject to any prior information and consultation procedure with social parties according to local legislation, it is expected that approximately 150 employees can be potentially impacted in the three sites of Saluggia, Vancouver and Minneapolis.
About LivaNova

LivaNova PLC is a global medical technology and innovation company built on nearly five decades of experience and a relentless commitment to provide hope for patients and their families through innovative medical technologies, delivering life-changing improvements for both the Head and Heart. Headquartered in London, LivaNova employs approximately 4,000 employees and has a presence in more than 100 countries for the benefit of patients, healthcare professionals and healthcare systems worldwide. LivaNova operates as two businesses: Cardiovascular and Neuromodulation, with operating headquarters in Mirandola (Italy) and Houston (U.S.), respectively.

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