Mainstay confirms its continued eligibility to the PEA-PME

Dublin – Ireland, 27 April 2016 – Mainstay Medical International plc ("**Mainstay**" or the "**Company**" listed on Euronext Paris: MSTY.PA and ESM of the Irish Stock Exchange: MSTY.IE) confirms today its continued eligibility to the PEA-PME (French equity savings plan for financing SMEs), in accordance with Decree n°.2014-283 applicable since 4 March 2014 and reflecting the application of Article 70 of 2014 finance law (n° 2013-1278 dated 29 December 2013) which set up the conditions of companies' eligibility for the PEA-PME as follows:

- fewer than 5,000 employees, and
- annual revenues of less than €1,500 million, or
  a balance-sheet total of less than €2,000 million.

Mainstay is an Irish medical device company with operations in Ireland, Australia, and the United States. The Company is focused on the development and commercialisation of ReActiv8, a new implantable neurostimulation system to treat disabling Chronic Low Back Pain (CLBP).

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About Mainstay

Mainstay is a medical device company which is developing an innovative implantable neurostimulation system, ReActiv8®, for people with disabling Chronic Low Back Pain (CLBP). The Company is headquartered in Dublin, Ireland. It has subsidiaries operating in Ireland, the United States, Germany and Australia, and is listed on Euronext Paris (MSTY.PA) and the ESM of the Irish Stock Exchange (MSTY.IE).

About Chronic Low Back Pain

One of the recognised root causes of CLBP is impaired control by the nervous system of the muscles that dynamically stabilise the spine in the lower back, and an unstable spine can lead to back pain. ReActiv8 is designed to electrically stimulate the nerves responsible for contracting these muscles and thereby help to restore muscle control and improve dynamic spine stability, allowing the body to recover from CLBP.

People with CLBP usually have a greatly reduced quality of life and score significantly higher on scales for pain, disability, depression, anxiety and sleep disorders. Their pain and disability can persist despite the best available medical treatments, and only a small percentage of cases result from an identified pathological condition or anatomical defect that may be correctable with spine surgery. Their ability to work or be productive is seriously affected by the condition and the resulting days lost from work, disability benefits and health resource utilisation put a significant burden on individuals, families, communities, industry, and governments.

Further information can be found at www.mainstay-medical.com

ReActiv8 is an investigational device and is not approved for commercialisation anywhere in the world. CAUTION – in the United States, ReActiv8 is limited by federal law to investigational use only.

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