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ZINTEL WINS GLOBAL INNOVATION AWARD

New Zealand ICT expert, Zintel, has won a global innovation award from telecommunications giant, Ericsson, for its part in ground-breaking surgery involving doctors in two different countries operating on the same patient.

Last year, surgeons in Christchurch and Brisbane created a world-first when they worked together to perform keyhole surgery in a specially designed mobile surgical bus.

The operation relied on sophisticated video conferencing equipment to give high quality two-way images and voice.

Zintel's role in providing this video conferencing solution for Mobile Surgical Services was recognised at Ericsson's recent international conference in Cape Town when the New Zealand company was selected for the prestigious award from Ericsson's long list of international partners.

For the Christchurch operation to be successful, the video technology had to provide crystal clear pictures with no delays. The Brisbane surgeon could only assist and advise his Christchurch colleagues because he was able to view the patient and the procedure as if he was in the theatre himself.

Zintel was able to achieve this through Ericsson's advanced ViPr video conferencing equipment. The ViPr system merges the best of video-conferencing and IP-based voice services to deliver quality video and sound on an easy-to-use platform.

Zintel Enterprise National Sales Manager John Hill said the global award highlighted the company's growing reputation for innovative solutions. "It's another great example of a New Zealand company using global technology to solve a complex local problem," said Hill.

Mr Hill revealed the surgical services initiative was one of four Zintel projects recognised by the global innovation award.

The others included a system that automatically measures and communicates to customers water levels at Mighty River Power dams, Wellington City Council's almost total conversion to mobile phones and North Shore City Council's unique telephone based tsunami early warning system.

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COMPANY BACKGROUND

Established in 1995, Zintel Group Limited is a provider and integrator of a broad range of communication technology solutions to businesses across New Zealand and Australia.

Zintel Group Limited is a publicly listed company on the New Zealand Alternative Exchange (ZIN:NZAX), a listing facility for small to medium sized companies, which is managed by the New Zealand Stock Exchange.

Today, Zintel employs over 110 employees and has offices in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin and Sydney.