

## Allegra to Supply Australian-made and TGA-approved Face Shields

### Media Release

**SYDNEY 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020** – In light of the COVID-19 challenges being faced by the business community, Allegra Orthopaedics Limited ('Allegra') would like to provide the following update.

As a result of the severe and mounting disruption to the supply of personal protective equipment (PPE), Allegra is pleased to announce, it has commenced distribution of high-quality face shields which are Australian designed and manufactured.

Allegra has received significant orders, currently standing at 105,000 face shields. Discussions are ongoing with other major hospital groups who have also expressed great interest in the Shields.

Healthcare workers rely heavily on PPE to protect themselves and patients from contracting and also transferring COVID-19. These face shield, approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), has enabled Allegra to diversify its product range and provide Australian-made protective equipment to meet hospital needs now and into the future.

Allegra continues to monitor its operational expenditure during these challenging times, as well as measures currently in-place to keep staff safe. The addition of these face shields to Allegra's product range is expected to partly offset the negative financial impact incurred by Allegra as a result of the Federal Governments action to suspend all elective surgeries in both public and private hospitals

Jenny Swain, Allegra Chief Executive Officer, said: "We feel very proud to be able to supply Australian designed and manufactured face shields for our front line carers. The current demand for PPE illustrates the need for companies to be ready to diversify during this global uncertainty surrounding COVID-19. I am pleased to say that Allegra has been proactive in making this happen and more importantly, we are supporting Australian manufacturing."



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We aim to help bring the freedom and happiness of pain-free movement to people's lives. We achieve this through providing the best possible solutions for patients, from world-wide industry leading orthopaedic products through to Australian innovations. Allegra's principal product, the Active Total Knee, has significantly improved the quality of life for many people and remains a focused product line. Allegra is also the exclusive distributors of Waldemar Link GmbH & Co. KG products in Australia. Link consists of a range of complex lower limb, hip and knee replacements, including oncology solutions. The Link products add to Allegra's well-developed range of products for distribution from international suppliers covering all specialties from foot and ankle to upper limb. The company is pleased to continue to build upon its extensive portfolio of patents. It has strong research relationships with universities, companies and surgeon inventors, including its global licensee to the composite biocompatible ceramic material known as Sr-HT-Gahnite from the University of Sydney.

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