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**Swisslog to Present SpecIMinder™ Autonomous Mobile Robot at CLMA ThinkLab '10**

DENVER, Colo. (April 23, 2010) – Many hospitals in the near future may have a quiet, soft spoken courier to move specimens and other materials among workstations in their central laboratory. This courier will not require a desk, will not take lunch breaks, will never call in sick and will be available to work 12 hours per day.

This “perfect courier” is an autonomous mobile robot called [SpeciMinder™](#), which will give demonstrations at Swisslog booth #409 at the [CLMA ThinkLab '10](#) at the MGM Grand Las Vegas May 4-5. CLMA is an international association of more than 4,000 clinical laboratory professionals. Swisslog is a leader in automated materials transport and pharmacy automation solutions with systems installed in more than 3,000 hospitals worldwide.

The SpecIMinder mobile robot at CLMA, nicknamed “Kenny,” will move within the Swisslog booth and participate in product demonstrations. SpecIMinders are available now and are designed exclusively for intra-departmental applications, particularly within hospital central laboratories, where they can provide both on-demand and scheduled transport of specimens weighing up to 50 pounds.

The primary benefit of the robots is a tremendous increase in operational efficiency. They significantly reduce the manual labor required to move materials around a large department, resulting in many man-hours being returned to the department for other work.

SpecIMinders are highly maneuverable, capable of passing through congested hallways and door openings as narrow as 27 inches. Their small footprint allows them to turn on their axis. The robots, which move at normal walking speed, feature easy-to-use and flexible route generation technology and a collision avoidance system.

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“The SpeciMinder is a natural extension of Swisslog’s Automated Materials Transport Systems (AMTS) product family,” said Jim Patrician, senior vice president of Swisslog Healthcare Solutions. “As a company, we have a solid track-record of responding to marketplace demands. By adding SpeciMinder to our AMTS product portfolio, we continue that tradition.”

The SpeciMinder autonomous mobile robot is available for either purchase or lease.

In addition to SpeciMinder’s debut to laboratory managers, Swisslog will use the CLMA show to present information about its pneumatic tube systems (PTS) for rapid on-demand transport of light unit loads throughout the hospital. PTS carriers and accessories will also be on display.

[Swisslog Healthcare Solutions](#) is the leading supplier of logistics automation solutions for healthcare facilities. Swisslog has installed automated materials transport and pharmacy automation systems in more than 2,000 hospitals in North America. Swisslog offers total systems design, manufacturing, installation and customer support providing a complete supply chain management approach to the logistics challenges of hospitals. The North American division of Swisslog Healthcare Solutions is based in Denver, CO.

## **About Swisslog**

Swisslog is a global provider of integrated logistics solutions for warehouses, distribution centers and hospitals. Its comprehensive services portfolio ranges from building complex warehouses and distribution centers to implementing Swisslog’s own software to intra-company logistics solutions for hospitals.

Swisslog’s solutions optimize customers’ production, logistics and distribution processes in order to increase flexibility, responsiveness and quality of service while minimizing logistics costs. With years of experience in the development and implementation of integrated logistics solutions, Swisslog provides the expertise that customers in more than 50 countries rely on.

Headquartered in Buchs/Aarau, Switzerland, Swisslog currently employs over 2,000 staff in about 20 countries worldwide. The group’s parent company, Swisslog Holding AG, is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (security number: 1232462, Telekurs: SLOG, Reuters: SLOG.S). For more information, visit [www.swisslog.com](http://www.swisslog.com).

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The logo for Swisslog, featuring the word "swisslog" in a lowercase, sans-serif font. The letters are a dark red color. The "i" and "s" are connected, and the "o" is a single circle. The "l" is a simple vertical bar. The "g" has a small tail. The logo is set against a white background.