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## **SIGHTLIFE AND OSI COME TOGETHER TO FIGHT CORNEAL BLINDNESS**

**Seattle and Winston-Salem, North Carolina (April 17, 2014)**—SightLife and Ocular Systems Inc. have come together to achieve their shared goal of eliminating corneal blindness in the United States and around the globe. The combined organization is the largest provider of corneal tissue for transplant in the world.

“Together, SightLife and OSI will build a company that can make our goal of eliminating corneal blindness in the next 25 years a reality,” said Monty Montoya, President & CEO of SightLife. “Combining with OSI will accelerate SightLife’s global work to help eye banks in underserved parts of the world develop capacity and serve the needs of the corneal blind in their own communities.”

In 2013, OSI, SightLife, and its 15 partner eye banks in India, Nepal, Ethiopia and other countries provided more than 20,000 corneas for transplant, restoring sight each day to 55 people around the world. There are 10 million corneal blind people worldwide who could see if given a corneal transplant.

OSI is the leading provider of processed corneas for endothelial keratoplasty procedures in the US and SightLife is America’s leading provider of corneal transplant tissue. In 2013, OSI placed over 2700 corneas for transplant in the United States.

“The combination of OSI and SightLife only expands our ability to serve the corneal blind,” said OSI President Jerry Barker. “With a presence on both coasts, we can more efficiently meet the needs of surgeons across the US and beyond.”

The new organization will work to improve corneal surgery for physicians and their patients by continuing to advance new technology and ophthalmic products with the potential for great impact. OSI distributes the EndoSerter® and EndoSaver® corneal endothelium delivery devices used to place corneal endothelial allografts into the eye during specialized transplant procedures. SightLife helped develop the methodology to precisely cut corneal tissue using IntraLase® enabled keratoplasty (IEK) to treat a variety of corneal transplant indications.

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SightLife and OSI customers will continue to receive the same high level of personalized service and adherence to the same high standards that they always have experienced.

### **About Ocular Systems, Inc.**

Ocular Systems, Inc. (OSI) was founded in 2004 and was the first company dedicated to the processing of human corneal tissue for endothelial replacement surgeries. OSI is an ISO 13485 registered device manufacturer, and produces the EndoSerter® and EndoSaver® corneal endothelium delivery devices used to place corneal endothelial allografts into the eye during specialized transplant procedures. OSI is committed to providing physicians with innovative solutions that improve their patients' vision. The company is located in the Innovation Quarter in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. For more information, visit [www.ocularsystemsinc.com](http://www.ocularsystemsinc.com).

### **About SightLife**

Founded in 1969, SightLife is the only non-profit global health organization and eye bank solely focused on eliminating corneal blindness in the U.S. and around the world. Driven by an entrepreneurial spirit, the organization leverages innovative technologies and best business practices to transform lives and unlock life's possibilities for the corneal blind. SightLife works in partnership with surgeons and health organizations in more than 30 countries. Together with its global partners, SightLife provided 17,309 corneas for transplant in 2013. For more information, visit [www.sightlife.org](http://www.sightlife.org).

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