JUNE 2008 TRIP FEED BACK FROM GHANA

Dr Acquah – Arhin, the Medical Director of Akosombo writes: 'Well done to all your team. We will do all that it takes to make the collaboration successful.'

The General Surgeon and overall Director of Health of VRA Hospitals, Mr Nkrumah Mills remarked: 'I would want to congratulate the whole Team for a good job well done. I am most grateful, personally as well as in my capacity as the Director of Health Services for not only the surgeries but also the educational component of your working visits.'

Dr. Linda Vanotoo, the Western Regional Medical Officer of Health says: 'I am confronted with cases of limb deformities and other surgical conditions that I am struggling to find somewhere to send them and look for other forms of support. An International Surgical Centre at Sefwi Asafo within my region with multi-skilled health professionals working on regular basis will be a major source of hope for many. Similar words of encouragement have been expressed by the District Medical Officer of Health, Dr Takyi of Sefwi Wiawso.'

Rev. Father Andy Soley, the Executive Secretary of the National Catholic Secretariat of Ghana expressed his admiration of the efforts of Motec Life – UK. He called for a closer co-operation between Motec and the National Catholic Diocesan Health Committee in encouraging the Ghanaian and people of all races in improving the health care delivery services particularly in rural Ghana where most mission hospitals are located. He suggested that the mission hospitals may have to provide other services like MRI scanning to supplement the only beleaguered, over subscribed machine in the country's teaching hospital in Accra. It is hoped that discussions with the secretariat will help focus the efforts of the to mobilise resources for an MRI Scan project within one of the major Catholic Health Institutions.

Words of wisdom and encouragement from Mr Amoateng of Pramso, Rev. Sr Agatina of Nkawkaw (who is thrilled about Motec's sponsorship of a 23 year old man for his corrective limb surgery), Daasebre Oti Boateng –Paramount Chief of Koforidua New Juaben, Prof Paul Nyame – Rector of the Ghana College of Physicians and Dr Zakariah, Director of National Ambulance Services of Ghana have been expressed and well appreciated by Motec Life – UK.

Already Motec is gathering experts – contractors and hospital engineers to put finishing touches to the surgical centre at Sefwi Asafo and also to kick start an intravenous infusion unit also at the same hospital. The projects have received the financial backing from Mr Mitchell and Rev Brother Laurens Kearns both of Dublin. Motec continues to appeal to philanthropists to consider sponsoring a hospital based orthopaedic trauma implant in Ghana, which hopefully would help contribute to a better change of direction for the care of the injured patients in that country.