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## **LAGOON HOSPITALS ACHIEVES ACCREDITATION FROM JCI – 1<sup>st</sup> IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA**

Lagos, May 18 2011 -- Lagoon Hospitals have become the 1<sup>st</sup> Hospitals in Sub-Saharan Africa to earn accreditation from Joint Commission International (JCI), the worldwide leader in improving the quality of health care. JCI's on-site evaluation of Lagoon Hospitals occurred in (April 2011) and was conducted by a team of international health care experts.

The Commission whose mission is to improve the quality of care in the international community through its provision of accreditation and consultation services has accredited over 400 organizations around the world; Its sister organization, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) is the Gold Standard for Hospitals in the United States (USA). In 2005, JCI and JCAHO were designated as the World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre for Patient Safety Solutions.

"Health care organizations around the world want to create environments that focus on quality, safety and continuous improvement," says Paula Wilson, president and chief executive officer, JCI. "Accreditation meets this demand by stimulating continuous, systematic improvements in an organization's performance and the outcomes of patient care. The citizens of Nigeria should be proud that Lagoon Hospitals has made a commitment to quality and safety."

"We sought accreditation because we want to provide the best care possible for our patients," and we are excited to be the first in Sub-Saharan Africa to be accredited" says Hygeia Group Managing Director – Mrs. Fola Laoye. "Earning accreditation from JCI is a significant step in our quality and patient safety journey."

Mrs. Laoye notes that accreditation was possible only through collaboration among all staff members. "Providing high quality care is a team effort. Our employees have worked very hard to build a culture driven by clinical standards and safety and therefore deserve the prestige of working in a JCI accredited organization."

JCI is dedicated to improving the quality of health care through voluntary accreditation. JCI's uniform, high standards for patient care and safety are designed to be adaptable to local needs, thus accommodating legal, religious and cultural factors within a country.

The Standards that are measured cover both clinical care and organizational management areas such as assessment of patients, infection control, facility management and safety, staff qualifications, quality improvement and patient safety, organizational governance and leadership, and management of information and communications.