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Singapore: Medtronic and China Kanghui Holdings have entered into a merger agreement whereby Medtronic will acquire Kanghui by paying close to \$816 million in cash (\$30.75 per American depository share). The total value of the transaction, net of Kanghui's cash, is expected to be approximately \$755 million. [Medtronic recently opened its innovation center in Shanghai, China, which is the first outside the US and Europe.](#)

The transaction is expected to close in the next few months and is subject to customary closing conditions, including approval from the shareholders of Kanghui. Medtronic expects the net impact from this transaction to be earnings neutral for fiscal years 2013 and 2014 as the company intends to offset any dilutive impact of the transaction.

Mr Chris O'Connell, executive VP and president of Medtronic's Restorative Therapies Group, including the neuro modulation, spine, surgical technologies and diabetes businesses, said that, "Kanghui brings Medtronic a broad product portfolio, a strong local R&D and manufacturing operation, a vast China distribution network and an exceptional management team. This move will provide Medtronic sustainable advantages in the fast-growing Chinese orthopedic segment, as well as a foothold in the emerging global value segment in orthopedics."

Mr Omar Ishrak, chairman and CEO, Medtronic, said that, "Kanghui represents a significant investment in China, accelerating Medtronic's overall globalization strategy with an established value segment distribution network and strong R&D and operational capabilities."