

## **SuperSonic Imagine and the Toulon Rugby Club (RCT) sign a partnership for the medical monitoring of their athletes**

**Aix-en-Provence, France, November 27th 2014** - SuperSonic Imagine, a company specializing in ultrasound medical imaging (sonography), announces its official partnership with the Toulon Rugby Club ("RCT"), two-time European champion and current French champion. As the first medical partner of RCT, SuperSonic Imagine will provide its expertise in ultrasound medical imaging for the characterization, monitoring and follow-up of musculoskeletal pathologies in rugby players.

In this framework, SuperSonic Imagine will provide the Toulon Rugby Club with an Aixplorer® ultrasound system equipped with its new musculoskeletal imaging application which produces very high quality images and allows new diagnostic insights, particularly for top level athletes.

*« We are very pleased to have this newest generation ultrasound machine to quickly image, characterize and diagnose our player's injuries. Rugby is a sport that stresses every muscle in the body. Thanks to the image quality and the innovative technique of SuperSonic Imagine's Aixplorer, we can follow abnormalities in each muscle and their evolution on a daily basis. This will be a great benefit to our athletes »* states Bernard Laporte, Club Trainer.

Patented ShearWave™ Elastography allows the physician to visualize and measure, in real-time, tissue stiffness (up to 800 kPa). This feature is especially useful to diagnose and follow tendinopathies and to measure the extent of muscle loading with real-time anatomic and functional imaging of muscles during maximum stress. The new high-frequency « hockey stick » transducer, SHL20-6, permits very high resolution imaging of muscles, tendons and ligaments, including those located very superficially on the body.

*« Aixplorer's performance and innovation in musculoskeletal imaging is now very advanced. For this reason, we approached top-level sports organizations and proposed a partnership. The reputation of RCT and the strong values found in the sport of rugby – team spirit, loyalty, authenticity, conviviality – are values that SuperSonic Imagine fully commits to. The muscles and tendons of professional sportsmen are especially demanding in terms of ultrasound imaging, which is why they must be evaluated with the most advanced devices »,* concludes Yves Tenaglia, European Vice-President of SuperSonic Imagine.

### **About SuperSonic Imagine**

Founded in 2005 and based in Aix-en-Provence (France), SuperSonic Imagine is a company specializing in medical imaging. The company designs, develops and markets a revolutionary ultrasound system, Aixplorer®, with an UltraFast™ platform that can acquire images 200 times faster than conventional ultrasound systems. Aixplorer® is the only system that can image two types of waves: ultrasound waves ensure excellent image quality and shear waves, which allow physicians to visualize and analyze the stiffness of tissue in a real-time, reliable, reproducible and non-invasive manner. This innovation, ShearWave™ Elastography, significantly improves the detection and characterization of numerous pathologies in several applications including breast, thyroid, liver and prostate. SuperSonic Imagine has been granted regulatory clearances for the commercialization of Aixplorer® in the main global markets. Over the past years, SuperSonic Imagine enjoyed the backing of several prestigious investors, among which Auriga Partners, Edmond de Rothschild Investment Partners, Bpifrance, Omnes Capital and NBGI.

For more information about SuperSonic Imagine, please go to [www.supersonicimagine.com](http://www.supersonicimagine.com)

### **About the Toulon Rugby Club**

Created in 1908, the Toulon Rugby Club has always preserved its values of combat, ruggedness, dedication, and its Mediterranean temperament which differentiates this club from the others.

Once again at the highest worldwide rugby level, the Red & Black club is proud of its history, its conquests, its fans, its roots. Pride has brought this 100-year old club back to the level it deserves, its place in the limelight, at the top of the list. The victories of the European Cup and French Championship in the 2014 season have only increased this legendary club's desire to remain at the top level of international rugby competition, to continue to succeed, and to have the entire world know the name "RCT". The goal of RCT is to offer the best to its supporters and partners. To achieve this, the club and the city of Toulon have begun work to improve the comfort and capacity of Mayol Stadium. The club is also continuously recruiting the best rugby players on the planet.

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