



Press Release

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Online auction begins of inventory of MC Slotervaart Hospital Complete operating theatres on sale in Amsterdam

The complete inventory of the MC Slotervaart hospital is on sale from today (7th of March), through an online auction site. Over a period of three months, the entire inventory of the bankrupt Amsterdam hospital will go under the hammer. The medical equipment of the radiology department will be the first to go, followed by the operating theatres, outpatient clinics, intensive care and nursing wards. The auction will be taken care of by Troostwijk Auctions and can be reached at <https://www.troostwijkauctions.com/nl/hospital-equipment/01-28741/>.

State of the art

The trustees Mr. Marc van Zanten and Mrs. Marlous de Groot expect a great amount of interest in the auction. "The hospital's equipment has been out of use now for a couple of months, but at the time of closing, the equipment was still in daily use by the hospital staff. For example, they had seven operating theatres at their disposal, three of which had only recently been renovated into state of the art ORs," says Van Zanten. "It's not often that a fully-fitted operating theatre of only a few months old goes up for sale. With the closure of the MC Slotervaart hospital, that is now the case. Fairly unique, from what we've heard from the market. Of course, we are hoping for good proceeds from the sale, but also that the equipment will be put to good use elsewhere in the world."

National and international interest

"We have made the decision to divide up the inventory of the hospital into specific segments such as radiology, operating theatres, nursing wards, outpatient clinics and technical services," according to auctioneer Mr. Teun van Leeuwen of Troostwijk Auctions. "For each segment we approach potential buyers, wherever in the world they may be. By matching supply and demand in this way, the equipment stands a better chance of being utilized again as well as generate the best feasible proceeds in line with the market standards."

Parties from within the Netherlands, as well as abroad, have already put in offers for the medical equipment. They will have to wait until the auction closes to know whether their bids were the highest. The auction for the radiology department starts on the 7th of March and closes on the 26th of the same month. In the meantime, those with legitimate interest are able to come and view the equipment by appointment. The radiology inventory is comprised of MRI scanners, X-rays, mammography machines and mobile ultrasound systems, among other devices.

Operating theatres for sale

The online auction for the operating theatres starts on the 20th of March and closes on the 2nd of April. Complete surgical tables and chairs will be up for sale, as well as other OR furniture, surgical tools, neurological microscopes, surgery lighting, defibrillators and beds. The outpatient clinics go under the hammer starting from the 3rd of April until the 17th of April. Following that will be the nursing wards and offices from the middle of April. In the middle of May, the last auction consisting of the technical services' inventory will take place. The trustees expect that the entire hospital will be empty by the end of June 2019.

About MC Slotervaart

Medical Center Slotervaart was declared bankrupt on the 25th of October 2018. The bankruptcy meant that the hospital was scaled down from that day at an accelerated pace. The clinical patients were transferred to other hospitals in the area. Outpatients were also consigned to other healthcare facilities. The hospital had nursing wards with 120 beds, 28 outpatient clinics and saw 55,000 patients on a yearly basis. The hospital employed over 1,200 staff members until its day of closing.

About Troostwijk Auctions

Troostwijk Auctions delivers appraisals and advice and is one of Europe's largest business to business auction houses with worldwide reach. The company has branches in nearly all European countries. The trustees have entrusted Troostwijk Auctions with the task of auctioning off all of the hospital's inventory online.

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