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Manufacturer Launches Antimicrobial Copper Tap Range

With cutting-edge health facilities such as the £1m intensive care unit at Manchester's Trafford General Hospital installing antimicrobial copper touch surfaces to help reduce the risk of healthcare-associated infections, a UK manufacturer is to launch the world's first range of antimicrobial copper taps for the healthcare market in early 2012.

Whilst strict infection control measures, such as frequent surface disinfection and hand-washing, are adhered to, there are still around 4 million healthcare-associated infections per year in healthcare facilities across Europe*. The new range of hospital taps from Pegler Yorkshire is manufactured using Antimicrobial Copper and bears the Cu+ mark, which signifies the products are capable of continuously killing pathogenic microbes even in between cleans.

Pegler Yorkshire's tap product market manager, Mike Dickinson, explains: "As the healthcare industry strives to prevent the transfer of infectious bacteria, and with taps being one area of a hospital that is continuously used, it is imperative that manufacturers develop new products to help combat the issues facing the industry. The results of research conducted by specialists across the world has shown that the antimicrobial benefits of copper far outweigh any other product on the market. Antimicrobial Copper surfaces are the most effective touch surface, ideal for the healthcare environment where their inherent, continuous ability to kill bacteria will supplement infection control measures."

For more information about copper's antimicrobial properties, and case studies of healthcare facilities around the world taking advantage of it, visit www.antimicrobialcopper.org.

*[Report on the Burden of Endemic Health-Care Associated Infection Worldwide](#), World Health Organization, 2011

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