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BIORTHEX INTRODUCES A SECOND DEVICE DERIVED FROM ITS ACTIPORE™ TECHNOLOGY

Montreal, CANADA, July 10, 2002 – Biorthex Inc. is proud to announce the launch of their Actipore™ ACF system, an implant manufactured from Biorthex's unique Actipore™ technology, a porous Nitinol biomaterial, designed to meet the biological and biomechanical functions of anterior cervical interbody fusion devices. The Actipore™ ACF system, which will first be commercialized in Europe, represents a breakthrough in the treatment of degenerative disc disease in the cervical spine.

A comprehensive range of Actipore™ ACF implant sizes, 12 in total, with height, depth, width and angle versatility provide optimal distraction while accommodating the majority of anatomical considerations and re-establishing lordotic sagittal alignment.

Biorthex Inc. is also pleased to announce that Dr. David Noriega of the Valladolid University Hospital in Spain has performed with great success, on July 1st, the first surgery using the new Actipore™ ACF System.

Benoit Sicotte, newly appointed President and CEO of Biorthex Inc. stated "This second product derived from our unique Actipore™ technology is another innovation for our Company and this successful surgery announces great prospects for the future."

Actipore™ is a unique ultra porous biologically and biomechanically compatible Titanium and Nickel alloy, with a porous structure made of interconnected passageways, which permits bone cell penetration, long term bone cell integration and survival throughout the devices. This unique technology platform has similar mechanical properties to bone, resulting in load sharing, rapid tissue ingrowth and eliminating the requirement for additional bone graft material, thus reducing the time of surgery, the risk of complications and preventing graft site morbidity.

Biorthex Inc. is a biotechnology company that designs, develops and markets innovative products for the surgical treatment of spinal disorders to become a leader in the field of orthopaedics.

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