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**BIORTHEX RECEIVES APPROVAL FROM THE
THERAPEUTIC PRODUCTS DIRECTORATE OF CANADA
TO BEGIN A CLINICAL STUDY ON ITS ACTIPORE™ PLFx DEVICE**

Montreal, CANADA, July 10, 2003 – Biorthex Inc., a medical device company specializing in spine, is pleased to announce the official approval from the Therapeutic Products Directorate (TPD) of Canada for the initiation of a Canadian clinical study for its Actipore™ PLFx Posterior Lumbar Fusion device indicated for patients suffering from lower back pain associated with degenerative disc disease (DDD).

Benoit Sicotte, President and CEO of Biorthex stated, "In addition to the recent FDA approval to initiate a clinical study in the United-States, this TPD authorization allows us to extend our clinical study, making it a combined U.S./Canada clinical trial. In addition, five Canadian clinical centers have already confirmed their interest in participating in the study."

Medtronic Sofamor Danek, the leader in the spine industry, will participate in the combined U.S./Canadian study by providing logistical support and the *CD HORIZON® Spinal System*.

"Again, this TPD approval is wonderful news for our company and the future looks even brighter as we pursue our goal to access the North American market," added Mr. Sicotte.

Through Actipore™, Biorthex holds a unique ultra porous biologically and biomechanically compatible material, with a porous structure consisting of interconnected passageways, which permits long term bone cell integration and survival throughout the devices. This exclusive 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 medical device company that designs, develops, manufactures and markets innovative products for the surgical treatment of spinal disorders.

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