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BIORTHEX RECEIVES CE MARKING FOR ACTIPORE-PLF AND ANNOUNCE ISO CERTIFICATION

Montreal, CANADA, August 27 2001 – Montreal based Biorthex announced the official receipt of CE marking for the Actipore-PLF system as well as ISO certification. Biorthex core business is in spinal implant devices. This recent award is perfectly timed for the launch of their revolutionary long time awaited porous Actipore PLF (Posterior Lumbar Fusion) system at the forthcoming Eurospine meeting, which is to be held in Gothenburg, Sweden.

According to Biorthex CEO Sylvain Gareau, the recognition of the CE and ISO awards will allow Biorthex to finalize several agreements with key distributors within the European community, as well as other important countries around the world. In addition, Biorthex is actively discussing global distribution rights for the promising Actipore technology, for which several products will be derived and introduced.

This puts the company in a good position to significantly increase sales of its core product base within the spine related market, valued at an estimated \$2 billion (US) globally. The treatment of lumbar pain associated with disk degeneration requires the use of surgical implants enabling two or three vertebrae to be fused together. However, the most frequently used implants, commonly called "cages," require complementary bone grafting.

The new Actipore-PLF implant was specifically designed for this type of treatment. Key to the Actipore PLF system, manufactured from porous Nitinol, are the similar biological and biomechanical properties it shares with bone, resulting in load sharing, rapid tissue ingrowth and a reduced requirement for additional bone graft material.

Craig Corrance, director of sales and marketing worldwide adds that "Biorthex plans to launch three more innovative spinal devices within the next twelve months, all incorporating porous Nitinol, and we expect to rapidly expand our distributor base worldwide."

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