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PROPOSED MERGER OF BIORTHEX INC. AND SCIENT'X S.A.

Montreal, CANADA, January 25th, 2002 – Biorthex Inc. announces that on January 8th, 2002 a letter of intent was signed with Ideal Medical Products S.A. and Scient'x S.A., two French companies, regarding the merger of Biorthex Inc. and Scient'x S.A.

The merger of Biorthex Inc. and Scient'x S.A. will open the way for the creation of a new company specializing in spine, whose main goals will be to position itself at the forefront of the global implant market through emphasis on the research and development of new and innovative products and to establish a significant presence on the U.S. market.

In exchange for the shares of Scient'x S.A. held by Ideal Medical Products S.A., Biorthex Inc. will pay Ideal Medical Products S.A. the equivalent of CDN\$8,000,000, consisting of a cash payment plus an issue of new voting, non-voting and participating preferred shares in Biorthex Inc. The exchange of securities and the cash payment related to the merger of Biorthex Inc. with Scient'x S.A. will be subject to obtaining the required approvals of regulatory authorities and of the shareholders of Biorthex Inc. and Scient'x S.A.

According to the terms of the letter of intent signed with Ideal Medical Products S.A. and Scient'x S.A., the transaction will be subject to certain conditions, in particular, to the satisfactory outcome of a due-diligence audit yet to be completed and to Biorthex Inc.'s successfully obtaining funding from institutional investors. Such funding will allow the merger of the two companies and will allow Biorthex Inc. to have on hand the financial resources required for the planned expansion to the U.S. and for the research and development efforts that will lead to the commercialization of its products, including Actipore™.

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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