Hanger Orthopedic Group Appoints President of Subsidiary, Innovative Neurotronics

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BETHESDA, Md., Jan. 30 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Hanger Orthopedic Group, Inc. (NYSE: HGR) named Jeff Martin the President of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Innovative Neurotronics, Inc. (IN, Inc.).

Previously serving as Vice President and Managing Director of IN, Inc. since its inception in February 2004, Martin successfully brought the company's first product, the WalkAide(R), from concept through technical design, manufacturing feasibility, regulatory approval, and clinical trials, to commercialization. As President, Martin will have P&< responsibility for the company's total business operations and will direct the expansion of the company's product portfolio.

"Under Jeff's direction, Innovative Neurotronics successfully demonstrated its ability to convert new technologies into viable products to improve the lives of patients," Hanger President and COO Thomas Kirk said. "We are confident Jeff's vision and leadership will establish IN, Inc. as the premiere company delivering neuromuscular products for patients suffering from various muscle impairments."

Specializing in the field of functional electrical stimulation, IN, Inc. identifies emerging Myo-Orthotics Technologies(R) developed at research centers and universities throughout the world that use neuromuscular stimulation to improve the functionality of an impaired limb. Myo-Orthotics Technology represents the merging of orthotic technology with electrical stimulation. Working with the inventors, IN, Inc. advances the design and manufacturing, the regulatory and clinical aspects of the technology, and then introduces the devices to the marketplace through a variety of distribution channels.

"Hanger's mission has always been to restore the mobility and independence of our patients," Martin said. "Myo-Orthotics Technology advances that goal by offering patients who would typically wear a brace to simply stabilize a weakened limb, the advantage of actually using that limb in a natural, controllable manner. I am very enthusiastic about Hanger's potential in this revolutionary clinical area."

Martin brings 25 years of marketing and business management experience. He joined Hanger in 1995 as the Vice President of its managed care network and then advanced to Vice President of Product Development. Prior to his tenure with Hanger, Martin held various marketing positions of increasing responsibility within the O&P profession. He is a 1978 graduate of the Ohio State University. Martin will continue to report to Kirk.

About Hanger Orthopedic Group, Inc.:

Hanger Orthopedic Group, Inc., headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland, is the world's premier provider of orthotic and prosthetic patient care services. Hanger is the market leader in the United States, owning and operating 618 patient care centers in 45 states including the District of Columbia, with 3,405 employees including 1,017 practitioners. Hanger is organized into four units. The two key operating units are patient care which consists of nationwide orthotic and prosthetic practice centers and distribution which consists of distribution centers managing the supply chain of orthotic and prosthetic componentry to Hanger and third party patient care centers. The third is Linkia which is the first and only provider network management company for the orthotics and prosthetics industry. The fourth unit, Innovative Neurotronics, introduces emerging neuromuscular technologies developed through independent research in a collaborative effort with industry suppliers worldwide. For more information on Innovative Neurotronics, Inc. visit http://www.ininc.us. For more information on Hanger, visit http://www.hanger.com.

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