



Orthofix International Announces Resignation of Thomas J. Kester From Board of Directors

BOSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Orthofix International N.V. (NASDAQ: OFIX) (the Company) announced today that Thomas J. Kester has resigned, effective immediately, from the Company's Board of Directors. Mr. Kester has been an independent Director of Orthofix since August of 2004. He served as a member of the Audit Committee and Chairman of the Compensation Committee. His resignation is not because of a disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

Jim Gero, Chairman of the Board, stated, "We wish to publicly thank Tom Kester for his contribution to the Company during the last six years. Tom's experience and contributions have benefited the Company and we appreciate the time he has devoted to Orthofix, and wish him well in his future endeavors."

About Orthofix International, N.V.

Orthofix International, N.V. is a global medical device company offering a broad line of minimally invasive surgical and non-surgical products for the spine, orthopedic, and sports medicine market sectors, that address the lifelong bone-and-joint health needs of patients of all ages - helping them achieve a more active and mobile lifestyle. Orthofix's products are widely distributed around the world to orthopedic surgeons and patients via Orthofix's sales representatives and its subsidiaries, and via collaborations with other leading orthopedic product companies. In addition, Orthofix is collaborating and investing in R&D activities with leading medical institutions such as the Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation, the Orthopedic Research and Education Foundation, The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and the National Osteoporosis Institute. For more information about Orthofix, please visit www.orthofix.com.

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