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THEKEN DISC ANTICIPATING FIRST HUMAN IMPLANTATION

eDisc™ entering the final phase of preclinical testing

AAOS 2007 Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA (February 14, 2007) Theken Disc , LLC, a leading spinal arthoplasty developer, today announces the eDisc is entering the final phase of preclinical testing, which occurs before the first human implantation planned for later this year. The eDisc is the first artificial lumbar total disc replacement (TDR) with embedded microelectronics and true elastic motion.

A series of foreign patients will precede the U.S. IDE trial, which is also expected to begin this year. The clinical site selection process is underway. “We are pleased to make it to this milestone,” states Richard Navarro, VP of Research and Development for Theken Disc, LLC. “We could not have done it without the superb design surgeons and engineers who make up our development team.”

Akron, Ohio will be one of the first surgery sites.

eDisc demonstrations will be held during exhibit hours at the Theken booth #4910 at American Association of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS) 2007 Annual Meeting being held in San Diego, California February 14-16, 2007.

The eDisc proprietary elastomer with its superior fatigue properties is featured in the January issue of Advanced Materials and Properties.

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Company Profile

Theken Disc, LLC is a member of the Theken family of companies. The Theken family of companies (www.theken.com) Theken Spine, LLC, Theken Disc, LLC, Theken Orthopaedic, Inc. and Therics, LLC specializes in pioneering spinal implant technologies that improve spinal surgical techniques benefiting patients as well as surgeons. Theken provides comprehensive product lines that offer surgeons peace of mind through steadfast product reliability and easy-to-use instrumentation. Products include cervical plates, pedicle screws, spacers, degenerative/deformity and trauma devices. Theken also leads the market in next-generation artificial disc replacement technology.

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