



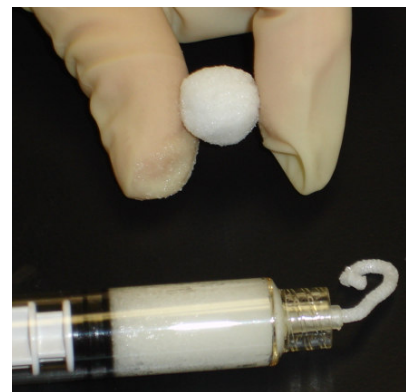
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## NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### THERICS RECEIVES FDA CLEARANCE FOR A NEW PUTTY BONE VOID FILLER

**PRINCETON, NJ (February 9, 2006)** Therics, LLC, a member of the Theken family of companies, today announced that it received FDA clearance to market TheriGraft™, a resorbable  $\beta$ -tricalcium phosphate (TCP) putty bone void filler used to treat osseous defects of the skeletal system.

TheriGraft's 60% porosity enables excellent cell infiltration, wicking capability, blood vessel in-growth and a controlled resorption rate to promote healing. Its unique chemistry allows it to be moldable at room temperature so the surgeon can shape the putty to the graft site. Once implanted, TheriGraft becomes firmer allowing it to remain in the graft site.



TheriGraft is injectable so it can be easily dispensed for cysts, comminuted fractures and wrist/ankle applications. It is ideal for treatment of osseous defects for most orthopedic applications, including spine, wrist/ankle, trauma, joint and general.

"The TheriGraft putty provides the surgeon with exceptional capabilities of shaping the graft to the defect. The unique granular architecture has demonstrated aggressive bone healing," states David Quackenbush, Director of Sales and Marketing for Therics. "This combination of features makes TheriGraft a viable solution for surgeons looking for an superior bone void filler."

Therics is currently manufacturing a supply of TheriGraft which will be available for sale in March 2006.

## **About Therics, LLC**

Therics, LLC ([www.therics.com](http://www.therics.com)) manufacturers a variety of bone substitute products that promote bone growth. Based in Princeton, New Jersey Therics, LLC is a developer of digital microfabrication process technology for medical devices and other medical applications.

## **About Theken Family of Companies**

The Theken family of companies ([www.theken.com](http://www.theken.com)) Theken Spine LLC, Theken Disc LLC, Theken Orthopaedic LLC 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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