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THEKEN RECEIVES FDA CLEARANCE FOR A NEW VERTEBRAL BODY REPLACEMENT SYSTEM

Vu ePOD™ – Vertebral Body Replacement System is the fourth product out of six which Theken anticipates receiving FDA clearance in 2007

AKRON, OH (August 6, 2007) Theken Spine, a leader in spinal fixation systems, announces that the Vu ePOD Vertebral Body Replacement (VBR) system received clearance from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to market in the United States (US). Vu ePOD is currently in the alpha phase and product launch is targeted for Fall 2007.

This is the fourth product out of six for which Theken anticipates receiving FDA clearance this year. Products cleared in 2007 include: Atoll™ Cervico-Thoracic System, Vu Mesh™ PEEK-OPTIMA® Vertebral Body Replacement System and xPOD™ Adjustable Vertebral Body Replacement System.

With the addition of these new products, Theken Spine now offers a full product line to surgeons that includes fixation solutions and biologics for conditions located in all regions of the spine.

“Now that we are moving towards a full line spinal implant provider, we are increasing our efforts significantly in recruiting new Distribution and expanding our sales force in the United States. We not only have a full line of products to offer our Distributors, but some very unique features and benefits within our product line that make us more attractive to an experienced Distribution group,” states John Winge, Executive VP of Sales.

Theken worked with a team of design surgeons to develop Vu ePOD. It is indicated for use in the thoracolumbar spine (T1-L5) to replace a collapsed, damaged, or unstable vertebrae due to tumor or trauma (e.g., fracture).

The Vu ePOD Vertebral Body Replacement System is comprised of polymer (PEEK OPTIMA® LT) concave cages used in combination with titanium spacer components. The cages and spacers can be locked together using titanium set screws in a variety of geometric combinations

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to fit each individual patients pathology.

About Theken, a family of companies

The Theken (Pronounced 'tay-ken') family of companies Theken Spine, LLC, Theken Disc, LLC, Theken Orthopaedic, Inc. and Therics, LLC (www.theken.com) 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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