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BIOMET ANNOUNCES FEDERAL CIRCUIT STAYS ONE OF TWO INJUNCTIONS AGAINST MEDTRONIC

Biomet, Inc. today reported that the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit has granted Medtronic Sofamor Danek USA, Inc.'s request for an additional stay of a permanent injunction against its redesigned MAS, Vertex, M8, M10, Sextant, Legacy 4.5 and Legacy 5.5 polyaxial screws for use in spinal surgery. The injunction was issued by the United States District Court for the Central District of California following that court's ruling that Medtronic's polyaxial screws infringe U.S. Patent No. 5,474,555 owned by Cross Medical Products, Inc., a Biomet company. Although the injunction was based on two summary judgment rulings, the panel granting the stay based its decision on the appeal of only the ruling related to Medtronic's redesigned polyaxial screws. Importantly, this stay order does not affect the District Court's permanent injunction on Medtronic's original MAS, Vertex, M8, M10, Sextant, Legacy 4.5 and Legacy 5.5 polyaxial screws, which injunction went into effect on January 3, 2005, and remains in effect today.

In postponing the injunction on the redesigned screws until it has an opportunity to rule on Medtronic's appeal of the District Court's infringement ruling, the Federal Circuit stated that its decision was not on the merits and was being issued "without prejudicing the ultimate disposition of the case." Biomet remains confident that the Federal Circuit will affirm the District Court's infringement ruling and reinstate the injunction at that time.

Biomet, Inc. and its subsidiaries design, manufacture and market products used primarily by musculoskeletal medical specialists in both surgical and non-surgical therapy. The Company's product portfolio encompasses reconstructive products, including orthopedic joint replacement devices, bone cements and accessories, and dental reconstructive implants; fixation products, including electrical bone growth stimulators, internal and external orthopedic fixation devices, craniomaxillofacial implants and bone substitute materials; spinal products, including spinal stimulation devices, spinal hardware and orthobiologics; and other products, such as arthroscopy products and softgoods and bracing products. Headquartered in Warsaw, Indiana, Biomet and its subsidiaries currently distribute products in more than 100 countries.

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