Vertical Spine, LLC and Polymer Therapeutics, LLC Agree to Co-develop a Novel Class of Anti-infective Polymer Coatings for Orthopedic Applications

Vertical Spine’s Management Team Will Use its Broad Experience Commercializing Advanced Biologics to Identify Procedures in Orthopedics that may Benefit from Polymer Therapeutics’ Proprietary Anti-Infective Polymer Coating Technology

Wall Township, NJ – January 22th, 2015 – Vertical Spine, a commercialization company providing advanced biologics for spine fusion procedures, announced today that it will partner with Polymer Therapeutics to co-develop orthopedic applications using unique polymer chemotypes distinguished by their broad anti-infective properties. The management team at Vertical Spine, which collectively has over 50 years of experience in orthopedics, has a firm understanding of the market dynamics and clinical needs of this space. The team has been involved in multiple start-up companies, worked for large orthopedics companies and brokered multiple acquisitions.

“We are very excited about the opportunity to work with Polymer Therapeutics on their platform technology in orthopedics,” said Tom Crowley, Chairman and CEO of Vertical Spine. “Coating implants is one of many possible solutions that can be used to introduce this technology to the orthopedic surgical site. Together, Vertical Spine and Polymer Therapeutics will explore new ways to bring cost savings to the medical community and an improvement in the overall health care for patients.”

About Vertical Spine LLC:

Founded in late 2010, Vertical Spine is a revenue-generating spinoff from Cascade Medical Enterprises (CME) commercializing the FIBRINET® System technology for proven platelet-rich fibrin membrane (PRFM) products for point-of-care orthopedic procedures, requiring targeted concentration of intact platelets in an easy to use, rapid, minimally invasive system. Vertical Spine received IP and regulatory rights to the spine market. Vertical Spine serves the $2.05B WW bone replacement market with proven unique clinical and economic solutions for spine fusion surgery.

For more information on Vertical Spine LLC and the Fibrinet System technology please visit www.verticalspine.com
About Polymer Therapeutics LLC:

Polymer Therapeutics, LLC (PRx) is a medical polymer company that has licensed a novel class of biocompatible, bioabsorbable drug-eluting polymer (BDEP™) chemotypes having wide-ranging applications as potent anti-infectives for use in the advanced wound care and medical device coatings industries. Its Sequenza™ polymer formulations combine various pluripotent, anti-infective agents with a delivery mechanism that provides localized, sustained drug release at the site of infection.

For more information on Polymer Therapeutics LLC and its novel class of polymer chemotypes with antibiofilm and antimicrobial properties, please visit [www.polymerx.com](http://www.polymerx.com)

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Vertical Spine has received coverage in these ORTHOWORLD® publications:

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Forward-Looking Statements:

*This press release contains information that constitutes forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements contained in this press release include intent, belief and expectations by the management teams of Vertical Spine, LLC, Cascade Medical Enterprise, LLC and Polymer Therapeutics LLC with respect to current and future business operations. Such statements reflect various assumptions, which may or may not prove to be correct. No representations or warranties are made as to the accuracy of any such statements.*