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THEKEN ANNOUNCES THE ADDITION OF JACK MAERTENS AS VP OF MARKETING FOR THE THEKEN FAMILY OF COMPANIES

Akron, OH – (May 2, 2008) Theken Spine, a leader in spinal fixation systems, formally welcomes Jack Maertens as the Vice President of Marketing for the Theken Family of Companies. Maertens brings to the Theken team over 20 years of accomplishments and experience in medical device Sales and Marketing. During his tenure of over eight years at Zimmer Spine, Maertens held the following management positions:

- Global Director of Brand Marketing which included MIS, Emerging Technologies and outer body fusion
- Group Product Manager, Thoracolumbar Franchise
- Senior Product Marketing Manager, Thoracolumbar Franchise
- Regional Sales Manager for Capitol Region
- Marketing Product Manager Inter-body Cage Franchise

"These positions have given Jack the leading edge on Marketing and Sales strategies. We look forward to working with him to achieve even greater accomplishments. His significant spine industry knowledge and extensive relationships throughout the U.S will also help Theken reach the next level," states Randy Theken, founder of the Theken family of companies.

Maertens is the first VP of Marketing for Theken and is responsible for Product Marketing, Marketing Communication and Training.

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 devices and trauma devices. Theken also leads the market in developing next generation artificial disc replacement technology.

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