



dj Orthopedics to Acquire Cold Therapy Product Line From DuraKold

SAN DIEGO, June 5 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- dj Orthopedics, Inc. (NYSE: DJO), a designer, manufacturer, and marketer of products and services for the orthopedic sports medicine market, today announced that it has signed a letter of intent to acquire the medical business of DuraKold Corporation, which includes a line of patented cold therapy wraps designed to treat soft-tissue trauma. dj Orthopedics is the largest customer of DuraKold products, distributing them under the DuraKold brand name through the Company's DonJoy® cold therapy product category. The acquisition is valued at approximately \$3 million and is expected to close by June 30, 2003.

The DuraKold products to be acquired feature a patented and reusable ice wrap that remains pliable after freezing to provide up to two hours of correct temperature cold therapy with conformity to uneven surfaces of the body. The ice wraps are sewn into durable anti-microbial fabric sleeves, which are designed to keep patients comfortable and dry and provide adjustable and uniform compression for the shoulder, lower back, arm and wrist, or lower leg and ankle.

"DuraKold cryotherapy products nicely complement our Iceman® line and are an important component of the DonJoy cold therapy lineup," said Les Cross, dj Orthopedics' President and CEO. "By vertically integrating DuraKold's manufacturing processes into our low-cost manufacturing operations in Mexico, we will capture the full manufacturing gross margin on this growing product line, while also incrementally reducing the related cost of goods sold. We are also very pleased to welcome Dan Gibson, a principal of DuraKold, who will join the dj Ortho team as a regional sales director. Dan has been instrumental in helping our DonJoy sales team effectively position DuraKold's products within the orthopedic sports medicine marketplace."

In a separate release today, the Company also announced the acquisition of a patent license in the settlement of litigation with Generation II Orthotics Inc.

About dj Orthopedics

dj Orthopedics is a global orthopedic sports medicine company specializing in the design, manufacture and marketing of products and services that rehabilitate soft tissue and bone, help protect against injury and treat osteoarthritis of the knee. Its broad range of over 600 existing products, many of which are based on proprietary technologies, includes rigid knee braces, soft goods, specialty and other complementary orthopedic products. These products provide solutions for patients and orthopedic sports medicine professionals throughout the patient's continuum of care.

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