



dj Orthopedics Updates Status of Manufacturing Move to Mexico, Reaffirms Focus on Core Rehabilitation Business and Announces Date for Release of Fourth Quarter and Year End 2002 Results

SAN DIEGO, Feb 4, 2003 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- dj Orthopedics, Inc. (NYSE: DJO), a designer, manufacturer and marketer of products and services for the orthopedic sports medicine market, today provided an update on the progress of its manufacturing move to Mexico, first announced on September 4, 2002. The Company reported that the move, designed to reduce the Company's cost of goods sold, was substantially completed by December 31, 2002.

As previously announced, the Company has refocused most of its resources on its core rehabilitation business. In line with this decision, the Company intends to discontinue sales of its remaining Alaron surgical products. With greater resources committed to its rehabilitation business, the Company anticipates several new product introductions in 2003. The Company recently introduced its new diabetic walker boot for pre-ulcerative and ulcerative foot conditions related to diabetes. The Company will also showcase two new products at the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons meeting in New Orleans, LA, Feb 5-7, 2003, including the patent-pending DonJoy Fource Point™ brace for anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) reconstructed knees and the patented DonJoy Tru-Pull Sleeve for treating patellofemoral dysfunction.

The Company will comment on the status of its remaining performance improvement program initiatives, and the related charges incurred in the fourth quarter, as part of its earnings announcement scheduled for February 25, 2003.

Earnings Announcement Information The Company announced the following information for the release of its fourth quarter and fiscal year end 2002 financial results and a conference call to discuss those results.

Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2003
Time: Financial Results: 1:05 PM Pacific Time,
4:05 PM Eastern Time
Conference Call: 2:00 PM Pacific Time,
5:00 PM Eastern Time
Dial In: (706) 634-0177 using the 7941012 access code.
The Company recommends dialing in 5 to 10 minutes prior to scheduled start time.
Replay: (800) 642-1687 U.S. callers, or (706) 645-9291
International callers. Enter pass code 7941012.
Replay ends 48 hours after call.
Live Internet: www.djortho.com, accessed through the Investor Relations portion of the Company's website. The webcast will be archived for 14 days following the completion of the call.

About dj Orthopedics, Inc.

dj Orthopedics is a global orthopedic sports medicine company specializing in the design, manufacture and marketing of products and services that repair, regenerate and rehabilitate soft tissue and bone, help protect against injury, and treat osteoarthritis of the knee. Its broad range of more than 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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