



dj Orthopedics' Alaron Surgical Division Announces Exclusive U.S. Distribution Agreement with Biocomposites, Ltd. to Supply Bilok Composite ACL Interference Screw

Alaron Features Innovative Bilok ACL Interference Screw as Premier Product for Orthopedic Sports Medicine Market

SAN DIEGO - dj Orthopedics, LLC signed a distribution agreement with British-based biotech company Biocomposites, Ltd. that designates dj Orthopedics as the exclusive U.S. supplier of the revolutionary Bilok ACL Interference screw. Alaron, the new surgical division of dj Orthopedics, will offer the Bilok screw as its premier product, introducing the innovative bioabsorbable material to the U.S. orthopedic sports medicine surgical community at the American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, June 28- July 1, at Keystone, CO.

"Because of the revolutionary properties of the absorbable composite material used in engineering the Bilok surgical implant, Alaron and Biocomposites are optimistic about developing a stream of future product lines based on Biocomposites' ground-breaking technology," said Les Cross, president and CEO of dj Orthopedics.

Stephen Bratt, Biocomposites' managing director added, "Biocomposites engineers synthetic biomaterials designed to mimic in-vivo the composite structure of human bone. We are confident that the Bilok screw will receive excellent promotion to the U.S. sports medicine community through our relationship with dj Orthopedics."

Bilok material, featuring Tri-Calcium Phosphate, an osteoconductive agent designed to promote the early attachment of bone cells, utilizes a non-crystalline polymer, affording more predictable degradation over time. The unique composite of PolyLactide and Tri-Calcium Phosphate demonstrates longer compressive and tensile strength retention than PLLA, while providing the benefit of pH buffering to surrounding tissue. In-vitro studies show that human osteoblasts proliferate on the surface of the Bilok screw, which acts as a scaffold to stimulate bone growth and tissue healing.

The exclusive distribution agreement between dj Orthopedics and Biocomposites enables the Alaron Surgical Division to enhance its offering in the U.S. sports medicine surgical products market. More information on Alaron Surgical and the Bilok screw will be available on the new Alaron Web site, www.alaronsurgical.com, slated to launch on June 28, 2001.

dj Orthopedics is a world leader in the orthopedic industry by supporting a continuum of care with surgical and non-surgical products focusing on sports medicine for the repair, regeneration and rehabilitation of soft tissue injuries. Through its highly-regarded DonJoy® and ProCare® product lines, the company maintains significant market share and an extensive distribution network serving more than 50 countries in all key segments of sports medicine. For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Donovan Roche at (619) 234-0345 or via email at roche@formulaPR.com.

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