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OrthoHelix Surgical Designs Closes Multi-Million Series A Financing Round

Akron, OH, January 16, 2006 - OrthoHelix Surgical Designs, Inc., an Akron-based developer of innovative surgical instruments and implants for use in foot, hand, and ankle surgery, today announced the receipt of several million in new venture funding. The round, led by Mutual Capital Partners of Cleveland, will allow the company to accelerate marketing efforts of its FDA-cleared product lines, complete development of additional products, and support the growth of the business.

"We are very impressed by the quality of the products, the targeted sales and marketing approach, and the caliber of OrthoHelix's management and clinical teams," said Bill Trainor, Managing Director of Mutual Capital. "Our firm focuses investments in companies that are ready for rapid sales growth, and that's precisely where OrthoHelix is right now. In our diligence, we received strong, positive feedback from the company's customers which gives us confidence as OrthoHelix begins selling nationally."

"We're pleased by the vote of confidence represented by this investment," said OrthoHelix COO G. Martin Wynkoop, an orthopedic industry veteran. "This is another milestone in OrthoHelix's development from an idea by a well-known Akron surgeon, David Kay, M.D., into an operating company. The money will allow us move closer to our goal of becoming a market leader in the hand & foot orthopedic market segment."

"The hand and foot segment of the orthopedic market is estimated to be over \$700 million in annual revenue potential in its own right," notes Baiju R. Shah, President of BioEnterprise. This is an area that has been "neglected by major device companies over the years. OrthoHelix has the right team and products to be a significant player in a lucrative and underserved market segment."

About OrthoHelix - OrthoHelix Surgical Designs, Inc., founded in Akron, Ohio in 2003, is an early-stage medical device company developing a comprehensive set of instruments and implants for use in foot, ankle, and hand reconstruction surgery. The company's mission is to develop and deliver to surgeons' innovative orthopedic implants and instruments that elevate the art of small bone surgery. The OrthoHelix management team brings over 70 years of successful orthopedic industry experience and is backed by a Medical Advisory Board consisting of top surgeons practicing in the field of hand/wrist, foot/ankle, and podiatric surgery.

About Mutual Capital Partners - Mutual Capital Partners LLC is a private equity fund investing in post-revenue, liquidity-challenged, growth businesses located in the Midwest. Additionally, MCP provides select advisory services to several growth companies. See the web for more information; <http://www.mutualcapitalpartners.com>

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