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**VERTEBRON™ INC. PROUDLY ANNOUNCES A CLINICAL HISTORY MILESTONE WITH THE SCP CERVICAL PLATE SYSTEM WHICH UTILIZES A UNIQUE FLOATING TAPERED RING LOCKING DESIGN**

STRATFORD, Conn.—January 23, 2006—VERTEBRON Inc. (VERTEBRON) is proud to announce over one year successful clinical history with the Semi-Constrained Cervical Plate System (SCP), its second system release, with over a few hundred surgeries to date. With its proprietary integrated self-locking mechanism and innovative QuickDrive™ instrumentation, surgical technique and procedural time is minimized. As a result, the SCP system quickly captured the interests of many surgeons which led to rapid adoption into leading spine centers as an OR-friendly, “easy to use” system. The SCP system was **intuitively designed to use as few as two instruments for most procedures**. Surgeons routinely praised the system for its inherent simplicity while operating room staff commended the system for its versatility and streamlined presentation.

Dr. Robert Dixon of Columbus Neurosurgical Group in Columbus, OH commented, “The SCP system’s QuickDrive instrumentation and integrated locking mechanism simplify the procedure and reduce my time in the OR. I have been very impressed with all of VERTEBRON’s designs and approach with their systems. Their consistent goal has been to simplify spinal surgical procedures for the entire OR staff.”

Dr. Tarek Elalayli of Southern Spine Center in Nashville, TN further added, "During 5 years as the spine surgery fellowship director at Vanderbilt University, I had the opportunity to train numerous residents and fellows. There is no question that well designed instrumentation and cervical plating systems, such as the SCP and SSP, are easier to implant and have a lower potential for complications than competitive designs."

Hosam Afifi, President and CEO for VERTEBRON concluded, “The SCP system has performed extremely well within its first year as our initial cervical plating system, primarily focused with simplicity in mind. Building on the success of the SCP system, we recently released the Small Stature Cervical Plate System (SSP) in November which has also been very well received since it utilizes the same instrumentation and locking mechanism. Based on our ongoing successes and our new product release schedule, we look forward to the upcoming year with great anticipation.”

VERTEBRON is a privately-held, medical device company that has developed next-generation spinal implants, including artificial discs (motion preservation), cervical plates, pedicle screws and interbody fusion systems which integrate spinal, orthopaedic and total joint technologies. VERTEBRON’s comprehensive product portfolio offers simplified surgical techniques with enhanced intra-operative flexibility and innovative instrumentation to spinal surgeons worldwide. For more information, please visit [www.VERTEBRON.com](http://www.VERTEBRON.com).

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