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VERTEBRON™ INC. PROUDLY ANNOUNCES THE RELEASE OF THE SMALL STATURE CERVICAL PLATE (SSP) SYSTEM, ITS SECOND CERVICAL PLATE SYSTEM RELEASE, AND ITS CLINICAL SUCCESS

STRATFORD, Conn.—December 1, 2005—VERTEBRON Inc. (VERTEBRON) is proud to announce the release of the Small Stature Cervical Plate (SSP) System, its second cervical plate system release. The SSP cervical plate is designed for smaller stature patients providing a better anatomic fit for narrower vertebral bodies. The SSP utilizes the identical locking mechanism, implants and instruments as the Semi-Constrained Cervical Plate (SCP) System initial release. Some common system enhancements include self-drilling screws and streamlined instrumentation, requiring as few as three instruments, to simplify the surgical technique.

The SSP system incorporates many patent pending features, including an integrated self-locking mechanism and QuickSet instrumentation with a self-aligning trocar drill. The SSP system received its FDA clearance in October 2005 and has been used successfully in a number of surgeries to date within several domestic medical centers.

The Small Stature Cervical Plate, in addition to VERTEBRON's other cervical implants, including its Semi-Constrained Cervical Plate (SCP), Anterior Cervical Fusion (ACF) Allograft and Cervical Motion Preservation (CMP) device will be featured this week at the Cervical Spine Research Society meeting in San Diego, CA.

Hosam Afifi, President and CEO for VERTEBRON commented, "VERTEBRON is pleased to offer the SSP as our second cervical plating system which not only better addresses an expanded patient population, but also provides the clinical benefits of a small stature plate for up to 4 level fusions. The SSP plate design and integrated locking mechanism greatly simplify the surgical technique and retraction required providing a compelling advantage over competitive systems."

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.

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