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VERTEBRON™ INC. PROUDLY ANNOUNCES ITS STRATEGIC ACQUISITION OF THREE ISSUED PATENTS SPANNING LOCKING PLATE TECHNOLOGIES FOR ANTERIOR CERVICAL AND THORACOLUMBAR IMPLANTS

STRATFORD, Conn.—April 15, 2005—VERTEBRON Inc. (VERTEBRON) is proud to announce its acquisition of issued intellectual property (3 patents) from the principals of Medical Application Research and Development, Ltd. spanning both locking technologies for anterior plating (cervical and thoracolumbar) systems and other patents related to anterior thoracolumbar rod and plating systems. This acquisition provides VERTEBRON with significant intellectual property enabling advanced implant (plate) designs in addition to immediate entrance into the anterior thoracolumbar fusion market segment addressing both trauma and deformity applications. As a result, this strategic acquisition will also further expand VERTEBRON's spinal product portfolio and breadth of technologies.

With this acquisition, VERTEBRON's portfolio will address an even greater range of pathologies and treatment options including, but not limited to circumferential and anterior thoracolumbar fusion. VERTEBRON is also planning on future product releases including additional biologic (Anterior Cervical Fusion (ACF) allograft) and radiolucent interbody products, and motion preservation devices for both the cervical and lumbar spine.

Dr. Robert Dixon, at Grant Medical Center, a renowned trauma center in Columbus, OH, commented, "In addition to VERTEBRON's rapid entry into many segments of spinal surgery, their technology base and design approach toward innovative, easy to use spinal implants is quite impressive from both a surgical and technical standpoint." Hosam Afifi, President and CEO of VERTEBRON added, "This recent acquisition of strategic patents will greatly add to and complement VERTEBRON's broad product and technology portfolio. We are confident that this addition will greatly enhance future designs and provide immediate clinical benefits, including lower profile plating systems and locking mechanisms for both the cervical and anterior thoracolumbar spine."

VERTEBRON is a closely-held, medical device company that has developed spinal implants, including artificial discs (motion preservation), cervical plates, pedicle screw and interbody (fusion) systems through the integration of spinal, orthopaedic and total joint technologies. VERTEBRON's advanced motion preservation devices, fusion technologies and breakthrough spinal implant designs are strategically positioned to establish the company as a leading provider of next-generation spinal surgery solutions. VERTEBRON's comprehensive product portfolio offers simplified surgical techniques, enhanced intra-operative flexibility and innovative instrumentation to spine surgeons worldwide. For more information, please visit www.VERTEBRON.com.

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