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#### Johnson & Johnson Sales Personnel and Distributor Letters

The following forms of communication were sent to sales personnel and distributors of the Johnson & Johnson family of companies.

#### Additional Information and Where to Find It

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Communication to OUS Sales

To: OUS Sales Leaders  
From: Business Unit Directors

Our sales team is essential to our continued growth and success and we want to thank you for your support to our customers over the last several weeks and for the enthusiasm we have heard around the franchise regarding the Johnson & Johnson and Synthes announcement. As with any business change of this magnitude many questions arise. We are committed to keeping you updated and to sharing insight into the strategic rationale for the proposed merger and where it is likely to take us in the future.

This merger, once completed, is expected to create the most innovative and comprehensive orthopaedics business in the world and would allow us to expand the portfolio and service we bring clinicians, hospitals and ultimately patients. In short, this merger is about growth! Our focus is and will continue to be on improving patient care and we are very confident that our future combined organization will grow worldwide.

I know that many of you have questions or are getting questions about what all this means for the future of our sales network. As we start planning for the merger, our primary goal is to maximize our coverage and performance in each geography. Our intent is to strengthen our sales and customer support presence in every market that we compete in while we emerge as a stronger participant in this highly competitive WW Orthopaedic market. During the integration period, we will undertake a thorough review country by country and region by region to identify opportunities to maximize our coverage and performance for the new organization.

Though many details remain, among our sales teams, we will highly value product knowledge, strong service and support, and capacity for growth. The new organization will be built on excellent individual performers and strong customer relationships. We plan to maintain attractive and competitive compensation practices, focused on rewarding performance and growth.

DePuy and Synthes will bring together complementary and broad capabilities, specifically in the area of education. Synthes' renowned leadership and expertise in professional education will align with our commitment to this area. As we begin the integration planning process, our intent is to continue to support the assets we have created while looking for ways to grow our capabilities. Both companies are grounded in the philosophy that education and research are at the core of improving procedural efficiency and ultimately patient care.

Upon completion of this merger, our combined business would be best positioned to serve all stakeholders. The opportunities for our future are truly exciting! Our request of you during this integration period is to stay focused on serving your customers and their patients around the world. The best way for us to insure success tomorrow is to keep our eye on our performance today. In the meantime, if you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact me.

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Communication to US Spine Sales

To: Distributor Principals and Field Sales Managers  
From: Lance Bates

Our sales team is essential to our continued growth and success and we want to thank you for your support to our customers over the last several weeks and for the enthusiasm we have heard around the franchise regarding the Johnson & Johnson and Synthes announcement. We are committed to keeping you updated and to sharing insight into the strategic rationale for the proposed merger and where it is likely to take us in the future.

This merger, once completed, is expected to create the most innovative and comprehensive orthopaedics business in the world and would allow us to expand the portfolio and service we bring clinicians, hospitals and ultimately patients. In short, this merger is about growth! Our focus is and will continue to be on improving patient care and we are very confident that our future combined organization will grow worldwide.

As we start planning for the merger, our primary goal is to maximize our coverage and performance in each geography. Our intent is to strengthen our sales and customer support presence in every market that we compete in, and to be a stronger participant in this highly competitive space.

I know that many of you have questions or are getting questions about what all this means for the future of our sales network. During the integration period, we will undertake a thorough review of each geography to identify opportunities to maximize our coverage and performance for the new organization. We aim to offer challenging and rewarding roles to every Spine sales representative and consultant from both companies in the new organization.

Though many details remain, among our sales teams, we will highly value product knowledge, strong service and support, and capacity for growth. The new organization will be built on excellent individual performers and strong customer relationships. As for individual compensation, we plan to maintain attractive and competitive compensation practices, focused on rewarding performance and growth.

Upon completion of this merger, our combined business would be best positioned to serve all stakeholders. The opportunities for our future are truly exciting! Our request of you during this integration period is to stay focused on serving your customers and their patients across the United States. The best way for us to insure success tomorrow is to keep our eye on our performance today. In the meantime, if you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact me.

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Communication to US Trauma Sales

To: Distributor Principals and Field Sales Managers  
From: Rob Chambers/Gordon Van Ummersen

Our sales team is essential to our continued growth and success and we want to thank you for your support to our customers over the last several weeks and for the enthusiasm we have heard around the franchise regarding the Johnson & Johnson and Synthes announcement. We are committed to keeping you updated and to sharing insight into the strategic rationale for the proposed merger and where it is likely to take us in the future.

This merger, once completed, would create the most innovative and comprehensive orthopaedics business in the world and would allow us to expand the portfolio and service we bring clinicians, hospitals and ultimately patients. In short, this merger is about growth! Our focus is and will continue to be on improving patient care and we are very confident that our future combined organization will grow worldwide.

As we start planning for the merger, our primary goal is to maximize our coverage and performance in each geography. Our intent is to strengthen our sales and customer support presence in every market that we compete in, and to be a stronger participant in this highly competitive space.

Going forward, we feel that the Synthes selling model will be the prevailing selling model in the new organization. Clearly, it leads the trauma market across the globe and has been enormously successful. While we have also had success in many areas of the country, we feel that our best opportunity for long term sustainable growth is to utilize the proven model that Synthes has used to drive their leadership position.

What does that mean for you and your team? Shortly, we will be able to provide you with details on an appropriate transition plan, recognizing your contribution and investment in the DePuy Trauma business and assisting you in maintaining focus on trauma growth through the close of the transaction. For your individual, trauma-focused sales representatives and managers, it means that upon completion of the merger a formal process will be established with Synthes to evaluate their potential employment opportunities as the expanded Trauma team forms.

Upon completion of this merger, our combined businesses would be best positioned to serve all stakeholders. The opportunities for our future business are truly exciting! Our request of you during this integration period is to stay focused on serving your customers and their patients across the United States. The best way for us to insure success tomorrow is to keep our eye on our performance today. In the meantime, if you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact us directly.

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