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**Pioneer[®] Surgical Technology, Inc.
Announces the Market Launch of the
SlimFuse[™] Anterior Cervical Plate System**

*Next generation design reduces the amount of
retraction needed for surgical implantation*

Driebergen, The Netherlands – July 23, 2008 – Pioneer Surgical Technology today announces the market availability of the SlimFuse[™] Anterior Cervical Plate System. This innovative system was designed to optimize anterior cervical fusion procedures while addressing the clinical needs of anterior cervical discectomy and fusion (ACDF) surgery.

SlimFuse[™] provides surgeons the flexibility to choose between a rigid, semi-rigid, or translationally dynamic system without additional instrumentation. Compared to traditional systems, SlimFuse's narrow plate width and scalloped cutouts provide improved interoperative visualization. Standard and dynamic, one and two level plates, require only one screw per level.

“Pioneer's unique low profile plate design reduces the amount of retraction required for plate implantation,” according to Dr. Randy Davis with the Baltimore Washington Medical Center, Glen Burnie, MD. “A smaller wound site reduces the chances of dysphagia, a swallowing disorder, and helps improve a patient's rate of recovery.”

SlimFuse received FDA 510K clearance in January 2008. The SlimFuse System will be available throughout the United States and distributed in Europe through Pioneer's wholly owned subsidiary based in the Netherlands.

About Pioneer Surgical Technology

Pioneer Surgical Technology, headquartered in Marquette, Michigan, is a dynamic medical device firm with a full line of cutting-edge motion preservation devices either available commercially in Europe or under clinical evaluation in the United States. Pioneer's signature articulating **P3[™]** Technology - Pioneer **PEEK-on-PEEK** -, in its



NuBac[™] disc arthroplasty system, BacJac[™] interspinous decompression system, and NuNec[™] artificial cervical disc, is the most technologically advanced design in the industry. In addition, Pioneer's comprehensive portfolio of vertebral spacers, cervical plating systems, and MIS and Mini-Open Rodding systems include recognized brand names such as Contact[™], IJAK[™], Clarity[™], Cross-Fuse[™], and Quantum[™]. Focused innovation has rewarded the company with over 50 U.S. and foreign patents with numerous patents pending. Our European subsidiary was established in the Netherlands in 2006. Our global workforce expanded from 200 in 2006 to over 260 in 2007. Pioneer Orthobiologics was created after two acquisitions in 2007.

Pioneer produces cost-effective solutions for surgical procedures that have proven difficult or problematic for both surgeons and patients.