



News Release

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SpineLab establishes lab facilities with IMES in Winterthur

Winterthur/Switzerland, May 2, 2008 - SpineLab AG, a privately held company, specialized in developing a dynamic stabilization system for the spine, announced today that it has established joint lab facilities with the Institute of Mechanical Systems (IMES) in Winterthur. The partnership with IMES includes the development of test methods and execution of testing to comply with pre-clinical test requirements for CE mark and FDA approval of SpineLab's dynamic stabilization device.

“To have access to the competence and resources of IMES is of great importance to SpineLab. They have experts with decades of know-how in mechanical testing of implants and the lab is walking distance from our offices in Winterthur”, said Reto Braunschweiler, Vice President Research & Development of SpineLab.

Maja Bürgi, head of the biomechanical engineering department at IMES and professor of the School of Engineering in Winterthur added: “We are excited to contribute to the SpineLab project. This enables us to further develop our expertise in testing methods for non-fusion implants of the spine.”

About SpineLab

SpineLab AG is developing a next generation Dynamic Stabilization System for the spine: DynaSpine™. The system is unique in having a simple approach to establish consistent biomechanical conditions. SpineLab's patents cover a wide range of design options including minimally invasive approaches. www.spinelab.ch

About IMES

The Institute of Mechanical Systems (IMES) is part of the Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW), School of Engineering in Winterthur. IMES provides parts of the degree programme in applied mechanics, biomechanical engineering and lightweight design. Among its tasks is the realisation of demanding projects in research and development in collaboration with commercial partners and universities as well as the practically oriented training of students, which is closely linked to current tasks in industry. www.imes.zhaw.ch

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