



Owens & Minor to Webcast First Quarter 2006 Earnings Conference Call on Thursday, April 20, 2006

RICHMOND, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 17, 2006--Owens & Minor (NYSE:OMI), a FORTUNE 500 company and the nation's leading distributor of medical and surgical supplies, and a supply chain management solutions company, will hold its quarterly conference call to discuss 2006 First Quarter results on Thursday, April 20, 2006 at 08:30 a.m. Eastern Time (7:30 a.m. Central Time). The company will release financial results on the evening prior to the conference call on Wednesday, April 19, 2006, after the close of markets.

This call is being webcast by Thomson/CCBN and can be accessed at Owens & Minor's Web site at www.owens-minor.com. Listeners may also join the conference call via telephone at 800-901-5241.

The webcast is also being distributed through the Thomson StreetEvents Network to both institutional and individual investors. Individual investors can listen to the call at www.fulldisclosure.com, Thomson/CCBN's individual investor portal, powered by StreetEvents. Institutional investors can access the call via Thomson's password-protected event management site, StreetEvents (www.streetevents.com).

About OMI

Owens & Minor, Inc., a FORTUNE 500 company headquartered in Richmond, Virginia, is the leading distributor of national name-brand medical and surgical supplies and a healthcare supply chain management company. With a diverse product and service offering and distribution centers throughout the United States, the company serves hospitals, integrated healthcare systems, alternate care locations, group purchasing organizations, the federal government, and consumers. Owens & Minor provides technology and consulting programs that enable healthcare providers to maximize efficiency and cost-effectiveness in materials purchasing, improve inventory management and streamline logistics across the entire medical supply chain-from origin of product to patient bedside. The company also has established itself as a leader in the development and use of technology. For news releases, or for more information about Owens & Minor, visit the company Web site at www.owens-minor.com.

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