



Owens & Minor Announces Cash Dividend for Third Quarter 2006

RICHMOND, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--July 27, 2006--Owens & Minor (NYSE:OMI) announced today that its board of directors approved the payment of the third quarter 2006 cash dividend in the amount of \$0.15 per share. The cash dividend is payable on September 29, 2006, to shareholders of record as of September 15, 2006. The company currently has approximately 40,143,124 common shares outstanding.

Owens & Minor, Inc., (NYSE: OMI) 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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