



## Owens & Minor Announces Increased Cash Dividend for First Quarter 2007

RICHMOND, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb. 1, 2007--Owens & Minor (NYSE:OMI) announced today that its board of directors approved the payment of the first quarter 2007 cash dividend in the amount of \$0.17 per share, a 13.3% increase over 2006. The cash dividend is payable on March 30, 2007 to shareholders of record as of March 15, 2007. The company currently has approximately 40,273,130 common shares outstanding.

"At Owens & Minor, we are committed to creating value for our shareholders and dividends are a significant part of that value," said G. Gilmer Minor, III, chairman of the board of directors of Owens & Minor. "We feel this healthy increase in our first quarter 2007 dividend reflects our confidence in the future direction of the company."

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](http://www.owens-minor.com).

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