



Owens & Minor Announces Cash Dividend for Fourth Quarter 2008

RICHMOND, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--

Owens & Minor (NYSE:OMI) today announced that its board of directors has approved the payment of the fourth quarter 2008 cash dividend in the amount of \$0.20 per share. The cash dividend is payable on December 31, 2008, to shareholders of record as of December 15, 2008.

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. Owens & Minor is also a member of the Russell 2000[®] Index, which measures the performance of the small-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe, as well as the S&P SmallCap 600, which includes companies with a market capitalization of \$300 million to \$2 billion that meet certain financial standards. 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 improve inventory management and streamline logistics across the entire medical supply chain--from origin of product to patient bedside. For news releases, or for more information about Owens & Minor, visit the company Web site at www.owens-minor.com.

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