

Spine Company Announces New Patent

MINNEAPOLIS, MN – March 5, 2012 – CoreSpine Technologies™, LLC, (CoreSpine), a spinal surgery device company, announced today that the United States Patent and Trademark Office has issued the company patent No. 8,123,750 entitled “Apparatus and Methods for Removal of Intervertebral Disc Tissues”.

The field of minimally invasive (MIS) spine surgery requires thorough preparation of the intervertebral disc space through ever-smaller surgical access sites. The ‘750 patent describes CoreSpine’s “steer and extend” technology for removal of disc nucleus tissue from the entire disc through a MIS approach. The unique combination of hydration, vacuum and cutter configuration efficiently removes disc tissue while limiting damage to the surrounding annulus and other structures.

“Receiving the patent is an exciting milestone achievement, giving protection to the only tissue removal device that can be actively steered and extended throughout the entire disc space,” said Britt Norton, CEO of CoreSpine. “A companion device for removal of cartilage is currently under development and will combine with the nucleus removal device to provide a complete MIS site-prep solution. While implants for less invasive surgery continue to be developed by leading spinal device companies, CoreSpine’s technology promises superior implant site preparation.”

About CoreSpine Technologies, LLC

CoreSpine Technologies is a privately held company founded in June 2005. The company’s mission is to develop enabling technologies for use with evolving spinal technologies. CoreSpine’s first product focuses on the complete mechanical removal of nucleus tissue from the lumbar disc space, which has received 501(k) clearance from FDA. For additional information, please contact Britt Norton at britt@corespinetech.com or visit the company’s website at www.corespinetech.com.