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Executive Officers

Gary F. Burbach
President and Chief Executive Officer

Gary Burbach joined Thoratec[®] Corporation as president and chief executive officer in January 2006, at which time he was appointed to the board of directors. In the role of president and CEO, Burbach sets and leads the strategic and operating direction for the company, including Thoratec's medical devices for circulatory support, vascular grafts and point of care diagnostic testing. Before joining Thoratec, Burbach served as the president and chief executive officer of Digirad Corporation, a leading provider of solid-stage imaging products and services to cardiologist offices, hospitals and imaging centers. He continues to serve on the Digirad board of directors. Previously, Burbach served for two years as president and chief executive officer of Bacchus Vascular Inc. Before that, he spent seven years with Philips Nuclear Medicine, starting at ADAC Laboratories, where he spent four years and became president and general manager of the Nuclear Medicine Division. After Philips Electronics acquired ADAC, Burbach spent three years as chief executive officer of Philips Nuclear Medicine. He also spent six years with the consulting firm of McKinsey & Company, Inc., where he served as a senior engagement manager in the firm's healthcare practice. Burbach holds a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from Stanford University and a master's degree in business administration from Harvard Business School.

David V. Smith
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

David Smith was named executive vice president and chief financial officer of Thoratec in December 2006. Smith previously served as vice president and CFO at Chiron Corp. He is responsible for Thoratec's accounting, external reporting, tax, financial planning and budgeting, treasury, information technology and investor relations functions.

Lawrence Cohen
President, International Technidyne Corporation (ITC)

Larry Cohen joined ITC in May 2001 as president. Prior to joining ITC, he served as CEO of HemoSense, Inc., a developer of medical diagnostic products, from August 1998 to April 2000. From October 1989 to March 1998, Cohen held the positions of vice president of

marketing and sales, vice president international and worldwide executive vice president at Ortho Clinical Diagnostics, a Johnson & Johnson Company. From 1980 to 1989, Cohen has also held executive management positions at Instrumentation Laboratory and Beckman Coulter Corporation. He is a past president of the Biomedical Marketing Association and is currently on the Board of Trustees of the National Blood Foundation.

David A. Lehman
Senior Vice President and General Counsel

David Lehman became Thoratec's vice president and general counsel in May 2003. Prior to joining the company, Lehman served as vice president and general counsel of Brigade Corporation, a provider of out-sourcing of business processes, from June 2000 to May 2003. From November of 1997 to June 2000, Lehman was assistant general counsel at Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc., a diagnostic and life science products company. Prior to November 1997, Lehman was in the legal department of Mitsubishi International Corporation, in New York and Tokyo for more than seven years. Lehman started his career as an associate attorney at the law firm of Hall, Dickler, Kent, Friedman and Wood.

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