

## **Mazor Surgical Technologies appoints Former Given Imaging Inc. President to run Mazor's US subsidiary.**

(Caesarea, Israel February 5, 2006) Mazor Surgical Technologies, whose flagship product, SpineAssist, is based on miniature robotic technology and is used for minimal invasive spine surgery, has appointed as of Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 2006 Ms. Nancy Sousa as COO of its US subsidiary.

Prior to joining Mazor, Ms. Sousa served as Corporate Vice President and President of Given Imaging, Inc., the US operation of Given Imaging Ltd. Ms. Sousa led Given's financial growth from \$16M to \$65M in three years.

Sousa has spent 8 years of her 25 year career in the healthcare industry, including capital equipment, medical device and consumables, radiology and information technology. She brings vital executive experience to Mazor Surgical Technologies, contributing her expertise across functional areas as Strategy, business development, marketing and sales. Upon joining the Mazor Surgical Technologies executive team, Sousa will assume responsibility for the company's US based operations. Sousa joins Mr. Scott Johnson, VP of Sales and Marketing, to achieve the aggressive goal of doubling the US sales in each of the next four years. To accomplish this goal, Mazor Surgical plans to establish its US headquarters in the Atlanta, Georgia metro area and expand its sales, marketing and technical operations.

Ms. Sousa previously held leadership positions at Eastman Kodak, including leading the Asian operations for the Health Imaging division. She holds a Masters of Science in mathematics from the University of Notre Dame, as well as a Masters of Arts in mathematics from the State University of New York.

The SpineAssist system, a well recognized and revolutionary precise positioning tool developed by Mazor is currently installed in ten leading US hospitals, with over 100 clinical cases completed to date. In September 2005, Mazor Surgical Technologies received FDA approval for its newly developed Hover-T Bridge, an enabling platform for Minimal Invasive Spinal Surgery (MIS). Mazor's SpineAssist, coupled with the Hover-T Bridge, is a complete Minimal Invasive Surgical platform for lumbar spine surgical procedures.

Mazor's CEO, Ori Hadomi, stated, "Sousa's joining Mazor marks the opening of a new chapter for Mazor's business growth. From a research and development company, making careful steps side by side with leading American spine surgeons, we are now positioned to fulfill the technology's full capacities & potential." Within the next few months, Sousa will recruit new employees that will realize the company strategy and will significantly expand Mazor's work volume and business in the US. "I am convinced," said Hadomi, "that Nancy's experience in multinational, as well as Israeli Medical devices companies, will be to Mazor's benefit in the expansion of sales, development of business opportunities, and establishing Mazor firmly in the US market."

**About Mazor Surgical Technologies**

Professor Moshe Shoham founded Mazor under the Technion Incubator in 2001. The company's main offices are located in Israel, with recently opened offices in the US. To date, Mazor has raised over 19.5 million dollars in two rounds. Several international VC companies have invested in Mazor; among them are Alice Ventures, Johnson & Johnson DC, Israel HealthCare Ventures, Shalom Equity, Dor Ventures, and Proseed.

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