Teleflex Medical Announces Executive Appointment

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PLYMOUTH MEETING, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 8, 2003--Teleflex Incorporated (NYSE: TFX) today announced that Forrest Whittaker has joined the company in the position of president and chief operating officer, Teleflex Medical. Teleflex Medical designs, manufactures, and distributes specialty surgical instruments, medical devices, and health care supplies.

"Teleflex Medical has grown consistently over the past seven years to become a global provider of products and services with over $448 million in revenues," said John Sickler, vice chairman of Teleflex and chairman of Teleflex Medical. "The appointment of Mr. Whittaker reflects our commitment to expand the Teleflex Medical position in the global market for anesthesia, urology, and surgery products."

Mr. Sickler added, "Mr. Whittaker's experience and expertise blend perfectly with the current organization design and strategic objectives of establishing a stronger competitive position for Teleflex Medical."

Mr. Whittaker was most recently president of the Tyco Healthcare Respiratory group. Prior to joining Tyco, he was president of Paidos Health Management Services, Inc., a disease management services business and president of V. Mueller, a manufacturer of endoscopy and surgical instruments. He has over 25 years of experience in medical product development, marketing, and manufacturing in the markets and clinical specialty areas that Teleflex serves.

About Teleflex Medical

A major business segment of Teleflex Incorporated, Teleflex Medical is a leading global supplier of surgical devices, instrument management services and health care supplies that are designed to help health care providers manage cost and improve the quality of care. Teleflex Medical markets health care supplies under the Rusch name and surgical instruments and medical devices under the Beere, Kmedic, Pilling, and Weck brands. The company also offers on-site operating room services for integrated health networks and custom instrument design and manufacture for OEMs.

About Teleflex

Teleflex Incorporated (NYSE: TFX) is a diversified company with annual revenues of over $2 billion. The company designs, manufactures and distributes quality engineered products and services for the marine, industrial, automotive, aerospace and medical markets worldwide. Teleflex employs more than 18,000 people worldwide who focus on providing innovative solutions for customers.

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