

InspireMD Names Alan Milinazzo President and CEO

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InspireMD, Inc. (OTC: NSPRD) ("InspireMD" or the "Company") appointed Alan W. Milinazzo President, Chief Executive Officer, and a member of the board, effective January 3, 2013. He replaces Ofir Paz who previously announced his intention to step down as Chief Executive Officer in September 2012 once a successor was named. Mr. Paz will continue to serve as a director.

Mr. Milinazzo brings fifteen years of experience in interventional cardiology to bear on InspireMD's commercial strategy and operations as it launches a major new embolic protection stent technology platform, initially for patients undergoing emergency coronary intervention for potentially fatal heart attacks.

He was instrumental in the launch of ENDEAVOR, Medtronic's first drug eluting stent platform which has since generated more than \$1 billion in revenue. He previously spent 12 years in executive positions at Boston Scientific Corporation, another major stent producer, serving as Vice President of Marketing at its \$200 million SCIMED European unit, responsible for product launches, clinical programs and regulatory strategies.

Mr. Milinazzo most recently served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Nasdaq-quoted Orthofix International, a position he was promoted to in 2006 after being hired a year earlier as Chief Operating Officer. During his tenure at Orthofix he transformed it into a category leader in novel spine and orthopedic stem cell therapy. Total company revenue grew from \$300 million to \$580 million and profits nearly doubled.

"Alan brings an exceptional set of experiences to us as a proven executive in the medical device field, particularly as relates to interventional cardiology and stents specifically", said Sol J. Barer, PhD, Chairman of InspireMD. "He brings a long list of strategically and commercially important accomplishments as a public company executive, he has the right blend of domestic and international experience for a company with our opportunities and intentions, and a well-documented entrepreneurial drive that's critical to success in managing the evolving needs and challenges of an emerging company such as ours." "I am delighted to join the young, professional and dedicated management team at InspireMD which has brought the Company to the current point of launching a major new entry in interventional therapy, said Mr. Milinazzo. "InspireMD's technology platform can and will make important contributions in treating life threatening vascular disease, while producing outstanding returns to its investors." In conjunction with Mr. Milinazzo's appointments and InspireMD's intention to begin a registration trial for FDA approval of its currently CE-marked MGuardT Embolic Protection Stent (EPST), the Company plans to establish a more formal operational presence in the U.S.

About InspireMD, Inc.

InspireMD is a medical device company focusing on the development and commercialization of its proprietary stent system technology, MGuardT.

InspireMD intends to pursue applications of this technology in coronary, carotid and peripheral artery procedures. InspireMD's common stock is quoted on the OTC, currently under the ticker symbol NSPRD.

About MGuardT Embolic Protection Stent MGuardT EPST combines a coronary stent merged with an embolic protection specifically designed for acute MI patients. The embolic protection is comprised of an ultra-thin polymer micron net that is integrated with the stent. The MGuard EPS is designed to provide outstanding and lifelong embolic protection, without affecting deliverability. MGuard EPS is CE Mark approved. MGuard is not approved for sale in the U.S. by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration at this time.

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