

## **Clairvest Announces Investment in Obus Forme, Moller**

**Toronto, Ontario – May 3, 2005** – Clairvest Group Inc. (TSX:CVG) and Clairvest Equity Partners Limited Partnership (“CEP”) today announced a \$15.5 million investment alongside Brian Tuffin in Integral Orthopedics Inc., which has acquired the businesses of Obus Forme Ltd., a prominent provider of orthopedic back care products and Moller LLC, a leading developer of clinical treatment solutions for back and neck pain. Clairvest and CEP acquired a controlling interest in Integral Orthopedics Inc., with their investment being made based on pro rata capital commitments to their investment pool, of 25% and 75% respectively.

“We are pleased to partner with Brian Tuffin, Chief Executive Officer of Integral Orthopedics Inc., in acquiring Obus Forme and Moller,” said Ken Rotman, co-CEO of Clairvest. “Obus Forme is the leading orthopedic back care company in North America and Moller possesses industry-leading technology. Combining them creates a solid platform for growth.”

“We are impressed by Brian’s track record of leadership and delivering shareholder value in the consumer products industry. We are confident that Brian, with the support of existing Obus Forme and Moller management, will take the combined business to the next level.”

Mr. Tuffin was previously the President and General Manager of SC Johnson Canada and is a 17-year veteran of the consumer products industry with experience at SC Johnson, Kraft General Foods, PepsiCo and Procter & Gamble.

“Over 85% of all adults suffer from severe back pain at some time in their lives,” said Mr. Tuffin. “Obus Forme, with its trusted brand and leading orthopedic products, is uniquely positioned to address this enormous market. Our forward focus rests in educating the medical and chiropractic communities on our findings and technology in order to enhance the standard of care for back pain sufferers.”

Obus Forme was founded in the early 1980s by the late Frank Roberts and his son Brian, who has grown the business significantly over the last several years. Toronto-based Obus Forme manufactures and sells orthopedic back rests and seat cushions, backpacks, specialty pillows, mattresses and other products engineered to deliver comfort and support to the human body.

Moller was recently founded by Frederik Wendelboe and is based in Novato, California. The scientific platform of Moller Back Support Systems is focused on developing clinically proven innovation that improves the standard of treatment for chronic back

pain, acute back injuries and neck strain. Moller's research has additionally uncovered non-invasive solutions that positively impact vascular abnormalities that enhance the standard of treatment for migraine headache and repetitive stress injuries such as carpal tunnel syndrome and thoracic outlet syndrome.

In addition to acquiring Obus Forme and Moller, Integral Orthopedics has also acquired and licensed new technology from Tracy A. Newkirk, MD, of San Rafael, California, a leading expert in pain management. Dr. Newkirk has developed technology that will significantly enhance the efficacy of Integral Orthopedics' product platform to address chronic back pain and migraine headaches.

*Clairvest Group Inc. is a Canadian merchant bank that invests its own capital, and that of third parties, through Clairvest Equity Partners Limited Partnership in companies that have the potential to generate superior returns. In addition to providing financing, Clairvest contributes strategic expertise and execution ability to support the growth and development of its investee partners. Clairvest realizes value through investment returns and the eventual disposition of its investments.*

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