Stryker Announces Election of New Director

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KALAMAZOO, Mich., July 29, 2009 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Stryker Corporation (NYSE: SYK) announced an increase in the size of its Board of Directors to nine and the election of Dr. Srikant M. Datar as a director.

Dr. Datar serves as Senior Associate Dean and Director of Research at the Graduate School of Business Administration of Harvard University. He also holds the Arthur Lowes Dickinson Professorship at Harvard University since joining that organization in 1996.

Dr. Datar has previously been a professor at Carnegie Mellon University and at Stanford University. He has also advised and worked with many corporations on consulting and field-based projects on implementation and execution.

Dr. Datar graduated with distinction from the University of Bombay. He is a Chartered Accountant and holds master's degrees in both Statistics and Economics and a Ph.D. in Business Administration from Stanford University.

Dr. Datar is a director of Novartis AG, ICF International, Inc. and KPIT Cummins Infosystems Limited.

John W. Brown, Chairman of the Board of Stryker Corporation, said, "We are delighted that Dr. Datar has joined our Board and look forward to his contributions, particularly from his global perspective and accounting expertise."

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