Stryker Announces Election of New Director

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KALAMAZOO, Mich., April 29, 2009 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Stryker Corporation (NYSE: SYK) announced an increase in the size of its Board with the election of Howard L. Lance as a member of its Board of Directors. Mr. Lance was elected along with the slate of the Company's seven current Directors nominated for re-election at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders held today.

Mr. Lance is currently Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer at Harris Corporation, an international communications and information technology company, which he joined in 2003. Previously he was President and Chief Operating Officer, Retail and Financial Group at NCR Corporation and also held various senior level management positions at Emerson Electric Co. Mr. Lance is also a director of Eastman Chemical Company, a worldwide manufacturer of chemicals.

John W. Brown, Chairman of the Board of Stryker Corporation, said, "We are delighted that Mr. Lance has joined our Board and look forward to his contributions. Howard's experience and expertise in leading a global high-tech organization will be particularly helpful to Stryker."

Mr. Lance earned his bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from Bradley University and a master's degree in management from Purdue University.

Stryker Corporation is one of the world's leading medical technology companies with the most broadly based range of products in orthopaedics and a significant presence in other medical specialties. Stryker works with respected medical professionals to help people lead more active and more satisfying lives. The Company's products include implants used in joint replacement, trauma, craniomaxillofacial and spinal surgeries; biologics; surgical, neurologic, ear, nose & throat and interventional pain equipment; endoscopic, surgical navigation, communications and digital imaging systems; as well as patient handling and emergency medical equipment. For more information about Stryker, please visit www.stryker.com.

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