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STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY FILING CERTIFICATION (CERTIFIED COPY)

HOWMEDICA OSTEONICS CORP.

I, the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify, that the above named business did file and record in this department the below listed document(s) and that the foregoing is a true copy of the Certificate Of Incorporation & Amendments Certificate Of Mergers as the same is taken from and compared with the original(s) filed in this office on the date set forth on each instrument and now remaining on file and of record in my office.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have

hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at Trenton, this 28th day of October, 1999

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CERTIFICATE OF MERGER

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STRYKER IMPLANTS INC. 0100 764800 James A. DiEleuterio, Jr. Binte Treasurer

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To the Secretary of State State of New Jersey

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 14A:10-7 of the New Jersey Business Corporation Act, it is hereby certified that:

1. The names of the merging corporations are Stryker Implants Inc., which is a business corporation of the State of Delaware, and Osteonics Corp., which is a business corporation of the State of New Jersey.

2. Annexed hereto and made a part hereof is the Agreement and Plan of Merger for merging Stryker Implants Inc. with and into Ostaonics Corp. as approved by the directors and the sole shareholder entitled to vote of each of said merging corporations. The Agreement and Plan of Merger provides, among other things, that Article FIRST of the Certificate of Incorporation of Osteonics Corp. shall be amended hereby to read as follows:

FIRST: The name of the Corporation is HOWMEDICA OSTEONICS CORP.

3. The number of shares of Stryker Implants Inc. that were entitled to vote at the time of the approval of the Plan of Merger by its sole shareholder is 1,000, all of which are of one class. The sole shareholder of the aforesaid corporation approved the Plan of Merger pursuant to a written consent without a meeting; and the number of shares represented by such consent is 1,000. The date of said consent and approval was December 17, 1998.

4. The number of shares of Osteonics Corp. that were entitled to vote at the time of the approval of the Plan of Merger by its sole shareholder is \$2,000, all of which are of one class. The sole shareholder of the aforesaid corporation approved the Plan of Merger pursuant to a written consent without a meeting; and the number of shares represented by such consent is \$2,000. The date of said consent and approval was December 17, 1998.

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5. Osteonics Corp. will continue its existence as the surviving corporation under the name Howmedica Osteonics Corp. pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey **Business Corporation Act.**

`**6**. The applicable provisions of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, the jurisdiction under which Suyker Implants Inc. was organized, with respect to merger herein provided for will, upon compliance with filing and recording provisions, have been complied with.

7. The marger herein provided for shall become effective at the close of business on December 31, 1998.

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Executed on December 28, 1998.

STRYKER IMPLANTS INC.

Bv Daya J. Simpson, Vice President

OSTEONICS CORP.

David J. Simpson, Vice President

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AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER, dated as of December 17, 1998, between Osteonics Corp., a New Jersey corporation, and Stryker Implants Inc., a Delaware corporation.

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1. The names of the corporations planning to marge are Osteonics Corp. and Stryker Implants Inc.

Stryker Implants Inc. and Osteonics Corp. 2. shall, pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Business Corporation Act, be merged with and into a single corporation, to wit, Osteonics Corp., which shall be the surviving corporation on the effective date of the merger and which is sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "surviving corporation" and which shall continue to exist as said surviving corporation under the name of Howmedica Osteonics Corp. pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Business Corporation Act. The separate existence of Stryker Implants Inc., which is sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "non-surviving corporation", shall cease on the effective date of the merger and the surviving corporation shall assume all of the liabilities and obligations of the non-surviving corporation in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Business Corporation Act.

3. There is only one class of shares of Osteonics Corp., which is designated common stock, and the total number of shares outstanding is 82,000. There is only one class of shares of Stryker Implants Inc., which is

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designated common stock, and the total number of shares outstanding is 1,000.

4. Article FIRST of the certificate of incorporation of the surviving Corporation shall be amended on the effective date of the merger to change the name of the surviving corporation to Howmedica Osteonics Corp. As so amended, said certificate of incorporation shall continue in full force and effect until amended and changed in the manner prescribed by the provisions of the New Jersey Business Corporation Act.

5. The bylaws of the surviving corporation on the effective date of the merger, amended to reflect the change in the name of the surviving corporation to Howmedica' Osteonics Corp., shall be the bylaws of said surviving corporation and shall continue in full force and effect until changed, altered or amended as therein provided and in the manner prescribed by the provisions of the New Jersey Business Corporation Act.

6. The directors and officers of the surviving corporation on the effective date of the merger shall continue to hold their directorships and offices until the election and qualification of their respective successors or until their tenure is otherwise terminated in accordance with the bylaws of the surviving corporation.

7. The Plan of Merger herein made and approved shall be submitted to the sole shareholder of each of the non-surviving corporation and of the surviving corporation

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for its approval or rejection in the manner prescribed by the provisions of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware and the New Jersey Business Corporation Act, respectively.

8. Each issued share of Stryker Implants Inc. shall, on the effective date of the merger, be canceled. The issued shares of Osteonics Corp. shall not be converted or exchanged in any manner, but each said share which is issued at the effective date of the merger shall continue to represent one issued share of the surviving corporation.

9. In the event that the Plan of Merger shall have been approved by the shareholder entitled to vote of the non-surviving corporation and the surviving corporation in the manner prescribed by the provisions of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware and the New Jersey Business Corporation Act, respectively, the non-surviving corporation and the surviving corporation hereby stipulate that they will cause to be executed and filed and/or recorded any document or documents prescribed by the laws of the States of Delaware and New Jersey and that they will cause to be performed all necessary acts therein and elsewhere to effectuate the merger.

10. The Board of Directors and the proper officers of the non-surviving corporation and of the surviving corporation, respectively. are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to do any and all acts and things, and to make, execute, deliver. file and/or record any and

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all instruments, papers and documents that shall be or become necessary, proper or convenient to carry out or put into effect any of the provisions of this Plan of Merger or of the marger herein provided for.

11. The effective date of the merger herein provided for shall be the close of business on December 31, 1998.

DATED as of the 17th day of December 1998.

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OSTEONICS CORP. By: Nam David J. Simpson Title: Vice President

STRYKER IMPLANTS INC. By: David J. Simpson Name Titze: Vice President

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I, David J. Simpson, Secretary of Stryker Implants Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, hereby certify, as such Secretary, that the Agreement and under the seal of the corporation, and Plan of Morger to which this certificate is attached was duly submitted to the sole stockholder of Stryker Implants Inc. for the purpose of considering and taking action upon the proposed agreement of marger; that 1,000 shares of stock of Stryker Implants Inc. were on said date issued and outstanding; that the holder of all of said shares voted in favor of the approval, the said affirmative vote representing all of the shares of the only class of the outstanding capital stock of Stryker Implants Inc., and that thereby the Agreement and Plan of Merger was duly adopted as the act of the sole stockholder of Stryker Implants Inc. and the duly adopted agreement of Stryker Implants Inc.

Witness my hand and the seal of Stryker Implants Inc. on this 17th day of December, 1998.

Simpson, Secretary

[Corporate Seal]

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