MacroPore, Inc. Announces the Release of 'Macropore OS' Bioresorbable Implant

San Diego, Ca./Frankfurt, Ca., Nov.23- MacroPore, Inc., a leading developer, manufacturer, and marketer of resorbable polymer implants for use in craniofacial surgery, neurosurgery, and orthopedic surgery, announced the release of 'Macropore OS', a bioresorbable bone containment system used in the reconstruction of bone grafts taken from the hip for placement in the skeletal extremities to repair bony defects. 'Macropore OS' will compete in the over 900,000 bone grafting procedures performed annually worldwide as a new treatment of choice for bone defect repair by the orthopedic, neurologic, spine, and general surgeon.

'Macropore OS' offers the surgeon a resorbable protective sheet that may be contoured to protect the bone defect created by harvesting a bone graft from the hip, as well as a graft containment device to assist in securing the placement of bone grafts in the long bones of the body. In many situations, repair of these defects has been demonstrated to prevent complications such as herniation, pain and discomfort. The use of the resorbable MacroPore OS provides the added advantage of gradual resorption by the body over time, eliminating the need for implant removal. Marketing of the product will commence in the U.S. and the E.U. in December through MacroPore's global distribution partner, Medtronic Sofamor Danek.

Christopher J. Calhoun, Chief Executive Officer and Vice Chairman, stated, 'Macropore OS is our first product in the over $1 billion global orthopedic trauma market and considerably expands the revenue potential of our company. It also represents the first in a pipeline of resorbable orthopedic and spine products to be marketed for us worldwide by our strategic partner, Medtronic Sofamor Danek. We expect to see favorable sales results in 2001 as the product launch ramps up.'

Further information:
Ari Bisimis, CFO, Macropore Inc., Kettenhofweg 96
60325 Frankfurt, Tel.: ++49-69/ 74 30 85 78, Fax: ++49- 69/74 30 85 94
e-mail: abisimis@macropore.com,
or
Bernhard Krause, MetaCom GmbH, Phone: ++49-6181-990244, Fax ++49-6181-990243,
e-mail: B.Krause@go-metacom.de

end of message