# ORTHOFIX INTERNATIONAL N V

Form 3

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	FORM 3	
INITIAL S	FATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL	OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES
Section 17(a)	of the Public Utility I	Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Holding Company Act of 1935 or ent Company Act of 1940
(Print or Type Respons	ses)	
1. Name and Address	of Reporting Person*	
	Gero, James	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
	10115 Kincey Avenue	e, Suite 250
	(Street)	
	Huntersville, N	.C. 28078
(City)	(State)	(Zip)
2. Date of Event Red	quiring Statement (Mont	ch/Day/Year)
	01/02/03	3
3. I.R.S. Identifica	ation Number of Report:	ing Person, if an entity (voluntary)
4. Issuer Name and	Ficker or Trading Symbo	ol
	Orthofix International	L N.V. ("OFIX")
5. Relationship of I	Reporting Person(s) to	Issuer
X  Director  _  Officer (given	ve title below)	_  10% Owner  _  Other (specify below)
6. If Amendment, Dat	te of Original (Month/I	Day/Year)

7. Individual or Joint/Group	Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
X  Form filed by One Rep	porting Person		
$ \_ $ Form filed by More th	nan One Reporting Person		
Table I Non-Dei	rivative Securities Beneficially (	 Owned 	
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities  Beneficially Owned  (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature (Instr
Common Stock	25 <b>,</b> 572	D	
Reminder: Report on a separate owned directly or inc * If the form is filed by more see Instruction 5(b)(v).		s beneficially	
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Table II -- Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)


		<ol> <li>Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)</li> </ol>		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conve sion
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	Date Exer-	Expira- tion Date	Title	or Number of Shares	Exerc Price Deriv Secur	
Stoc to b	k Option (right uy)	(1)	1/1/09	Common Stock	25 <b>,</b> 000	\$17.
Expl	anation of Response:	s:				
(1)		FIX's Commo	on Stock is \$55	, 2004 or the date or higher consecuti		
**				acts constitute Fede 1 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).	ral	

By: /s/ Brian McCollum

1/10/03

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Attorney-in-fact

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.

If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Thomas Hein, Brian McCollum and Christy Boyd, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Orthofix International N.V (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney

to be executed as of this 24 day of December, 2002.