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## **Patent Received for the TruFUSE® Minimally Invasive Facet Fusion Procedure**

Clearwater, FL - (Tuesday, April 20, 2010) – minSURG International, Inc. is pleased to announce that the United States Patent and Trademark Office will issue on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 U.S. Patent No. 7,708,761, entitled “Spinal Plug for a Minimally Invasive Facet Joint Fusion System”, which provides the Company patent protection for the TruFUSE procedure.

The TruFUSE procedure is an innovative minimally invasive spinal surgical solution that addresses symptomatic back pain resulting from facet joint disease and mild spinal instability, typically resulting in severe back pain. TruFUSE can be used either as a stand-alone procedure or as an adjunct to augment other fusion techniques and motion limiting products.

“Today is an exciting day for everyone that has worked so hard to make the TruFUSE procedure a true success for patients around the country”, says Dr. David Petersen, founder of minSURG International.

The claims of the TruFUSE patent are numerous; but most importantly cover: placing a portal into a human patient through a minimally invasive incision to access the facet joints, drilling a hole between the facet joints and then inserting and tamping a facet joint fusion plug into the facet joints.

For more information on TruFUSE, please visit the Web site at [www.trufuse.com](http://www.trufuse.com) or call (727) 466.4550