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Metrex® Research Recognized by Owens & Minor for Exceptional Service, Support and Communication

Orange, CA, October 30, 2009 – Metrex Research today announced it has been recognized by Owens & Minor, Inc., (NYSE-OMI) as Pinnacle Supplier of the Year for 2009. Metrex Research was chosen from among Owens & Minor 1,600 supplier partners for its exceptional service and support, as well as its commitment to partnering with Owens & Minor to serve the healthcare market.

Each year at its National Sales Conference, Owens & Minor, a leading distributor of medical and surgical products to the acute-care market and a supply chain management company, recognizes exceptional supplier partners for their service to the healthcare market and to Owens & Minor. More than 100 of Owens & Minor's suppliers attended this year's conference in Scottsdale, Arizona.

“Metrex Research takes great pride in working closely with Owens & Minor to serve our mutual healthcare industry customers,” said Todd Norbe, President of Metrex Research. We are very pleased that our company has been chosen for this award which salutes our willingness to be their partner in the process.”

Rob Starcher, Vice President of Sales, North America accepted the award at Owens & Minor's 2009 National Sales Conference held this November in Scottsdale, Arizona.

“This award recognizes the outstanding service and exceptional support that Metrex Research provided to Owens & Minor throughout 2009” said Charles C. Colpo, Executive Vice President, Administration for Owens & Minor. “Metrex Research has demonstrated a willingness to go the extra mile in providing quality products, high service levels, on-going communication and responsiveness to Owens & Minor as we work together to serve the acute-care market. We are very pleased to name Metrex Research as Pinnacle Supplier of the Year for 2009.”

Metrex Research, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sybron Dental Specialties, Inc., and provides high-quality infection-prevention products, including a complete line of pre-cleaners and enzymatic detergents, high-level disinfectants, surface disinfectants, liquid medical waste disposal products, eye protection and hand hygiene products. The corporate headquarters is located in Orange, California, and its state-of-the-art manufacturing facility is in Romulus, Michigan. Visit the company website at www.metrex.com for more information.

Owens & Minor, Inc., (NYSE: OMI) a *FORTUNE* 500 company headquartered in Richmond, Virginia, is a leading distributor of national name-brand medical and surgical supplies and a healthcare supply-chain management company. Owens & Minor is also a member of the Russell 2000® Index, which measures the performance of the small-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe, as well as the S&P MidCap 400, which includes companies with a market capitalization of \$750 million to \$3.3 billion that meet certain financial standards. With a diverse product and service offering and distribution centers throughout the United States,

the company serves hospitals, integrated healthcare systems, alternate care locations, group purchasing organizations, and the federal government. Owens & Minor provides technology and consulting programs that improve inventory management and streamline logistics across the entire medical supply chain--from origin of product to patient bedside. For news releases, or for more information about Owens & Minor, visit the company Web site at www.owens-minor.com.

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