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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

FORM 3

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1.	Name	and Address of Reporting Person*				
		Gero, James				
	(Last)	(First)		(Middle)		
	10115 Kincey Avenue, Suite 250					
(Street)						
	Huntersville, N.C. 28078					
	(City)	(State)		(Zip)		
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 Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 						
		01/02/03				
3.	I.R.S	S. Identification Number of Reporti	ng Pers	son, if an entity (voluntary)		
4.	Issue	er Name and Ticker or Trading Symbo	1			
		Orthofix International	N.V. ("OFIX")		
5.	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
		Director Officer (give title below)	· _ ·	10% Owner Other (specify below)		

6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Fil	ling (Check Applicable Line)			
X Form filed by One Report	ing Person			
_ Form filed by More than	One Reporting Person			
Table I Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned				
<pre>1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)</pre>	 Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) 	 Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) 		
Common Stock	25 , 572	D		
<pre>Reminder: Report on a separate lin owned directly or indire * If the form is filed by more th see Instruction 5(b)(v).</pre>	ne for each class of securities ectly. nan one reporting person,	beneficially		
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Table II -- Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable (Instr. 4) (Month/Day/Year) Amount sion Exerc _____ or Date Expira-1. Title of Derivative Exer- tion Number Price of Deriv Shares Secur Security (Instr. 4) cisable Date Title _____

Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	1/1/09	Common S	Stock	25,000	\$17.

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The option vests on the earlier of January 1, 2004 or the date on which the closing price of OFIX's Common Stock is \$55 or higher consecutively for ten trading days immediately prior to such date.
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

By:	/s/ Brian McCollum	1/10/03
	**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Attorney-in-fact

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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
- (3) 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.

/s/ James F. Gero Signature James F. Gero

Print Name