Pat Mackin Joins CryoLife Board of Directors

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ATLANTA, Oct. 22, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- CryoLife, Inc. (NYSE: CRY), a leading medical device and tissue processing company focused on cardiac and vascular surgery, announced today that James Patrick (Pat) Mackin, President and Chief Executive Officer, has been elected to the Company's Board of Directors, effective October 21, 2014.

Steven G. Anderson, Executive Chairman of CryoLife, stated, "Since joining the Company in September, Pat has proven to be an excellent leader who is well positioned to maximize CryoLife's potential. His addition to the Board will allow us to draw on his significant experience as we refine and enhance our strategic growth plans."

Mr. Mackin joined CryoLife in September 2014 from Medtronic, Inc., where he most recently served as President of Cardiac Rhythm Disease Management, the company's largest operating division. Mr. Mackin is a highly respected professional with more than 20 years of medical device industry experience. At Medtronic, he previously held the positions of Vice President, Vascular, Western Europe and Vice President & General Manager, Endovascular Business Unit.

Prior to joining Medtronic in 2002, Mr. Mackin worked for six years at Genzyme, Inc. serving as its Senior Vice President & General Manager for the Cardiovascular Surgery Business Unit and, earlier, as Director of Sales, Surgical Products division. Before joining Genzyme, he spent four years at Deknatel/Snowden-Pencer, Inc. in various roles and three years as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army.

Mr. Mackin received a Master's in Business Administration from Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management and is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

About CryoLife, Inc.

CryoLife, Inc. is a leader in medical device manufacturing and distribution and in the processing and distribution of implantable living human tissues for use in cardiac and vascular surgeries. It operates throughout the U.S. and internationally. CryoLife manufactures and distributes BioGlue® Surgical Adhesive, an FDA-approved adjunct to sutures and staples for use in adult patients in open surgical repair of large vessels. BioGlue is also CE marked in Europe for use in soft tissue repair and has received additional marketing approvals in several other countries throughout the world. CryoLife's BioFoam® Surgical Matrix is CE marked in Europe for use as an adjunct to hemostasis in cardiovascular surgery and on abdominal parenchymal tissues (liver and spleen) when control of bleeding by ligature or conventional methods is ineffective or impractical. CryoLife distributes PerClot®, a powdered hemostat, in Europe and other select international countries. CryoLife has received FDA 510(k) clearance for a topical version of PerClot, which is being marketed in the U.S. for use in topical applications, and is conducting a pivotal clinical trial in the U.S. for potential FDA approval of the surgical version of PerClot. CryoLife, through its subsidiary Cardiogenesis Corporation, specializes in the treatment of coronary artery disease for severe angina using a laser console system and single-use, fiber-optic handpieces to perform a surgical procedure known as Transmyocardial Revascularization (TMR). CryoLife and its subsidiary Hemosphere, Inc. market the HeRO® Graft, which is a solution for end-stage renal disease in certain hemodialysis patients. CryoLife distributes ProCol®, a natural biological graft derived from a bovine mesenteric vein that provides vascular access for end-stage renal disease hemodialysis patients, which is approved for sale in the U.S. CryoLife's CryoValve® SG pulmonary heart valve, processed using CryoLife's proprietary SynerGraft® technology, has FDA 510(k) clearance for the replacement of diseased, damaged, malformed, or malfunctioning native or prosthetic pulmonary valves. CryoLife's CryoPatch® SG pulmonary cardiac patch has FDA 510(k) clearance for the repair or reconstruction of the right ventricular outflow tract (RVOT), which is a surgery commonly performed in children with congenital heart defects.

For additional information about the company, visit CryoLife's website:
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