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CryoLife Appoints James McDermid as Chief Human Resources Officer

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ATLANTA, Sept. 6, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- CryoLife, Inc. (NYSE: CRY), a leading medical device and tissue processing company focused on cardiac surgery, announced today the appointment of James McDermid to the position of Chief Human Resources Officer, effective immediately. Mr. McDermid joins the company from Medtronic where he was Group Vice President, Human Resources for the Cardiac and Vascular Group. He will report to Pat Mackin, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer.



Mr. Mackin commented, "Jim has a proven track record as a human resources leader and we are fortunate to have him join the CryoLife team. Given his experience leading the HR team for one of the largest cardiovascular businesses in the world, he is well positioned to enhance CryoLife's HR programs as we continue to grow our business. I worked personally with Jim in my time at Medtronic and am confident that he will add a valuable perspective and be a driving force in further improving the experience and development opportunities for our employees around the world."

Mr. McDermid has over 25 years of experience in Human Resources leadership. Prior to joining CryoLife, he served as Group Vice President, Human Resources, Cardiac & Vascular Group at Medtronic, a global leader in medical technology, services, and solutions. Prior to that, he held the positions of Sector Vice President, Human Resources; Vice President, Human Resources; and Director, Human Resources at Medtronic from 1998 to 2001.

Earlier in his career, Mr. McDermid served in human resources roles with International Paper Company and Cooper Industries. Mr. McDermid received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Toronto and a Master's degree from McMaster University.

About CryoLife, Inc.

Headquartered in suburban Atlanta, Georgia, CryoLife is a leader in the manufacturing, processing, and distribution of implantable living tissues and medical devices used in cardiac surgical procedures. CryoLife markets and sells products in more than 80 countries worldwide. For additional information about CryoLife, visit our website, www.cryolife.com.

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