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To: The NHS TRUST – CHIEF EXECUTIVE, The CLINICAL DIRECTOR-ORTHOPAEDIC THEATRES,
The THEATRE MANAGER-ORTHOPAEDIC THEATRES,
The SAFETY LIAISON OFFICER

Subject: Duraloc Option® - Duraloc® implant compatibility

Product Type: Orthopaedic Hip Implant – Acetabular Cup Systems

Since its launch in the year 2000, the Duraloc Option® Ceramic on Ceramic Acetabular Cup System has been implanted in more than 20 000 patients worldwide. Using the clinical heritage of the Duraloc® Acetabular Cup System with the advanced Alumina bearings, the Duraloc Option® Acetabular Cup System provides superior fixation and wear performance for increasingly younger and more active THR patients¹.

DePuy International Ltd has become aware of three cases where a Duraloc Option® Acetabular Cup and a Duraloc® Acetabular Liner were implanted together. Whilst the possibility for this occurring is remote, we believe it is important that we bring this matter to your attention and confirm that Duraloc Option® Acetabular Cup implants and Duraloc® Acetabular Cup implants are not designed to be compatible and **must not** be implanted together.

If you have further enquiries regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact your local DePuy Account Manager or myself at the above address.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Arnott".

Paul Arnott
On behalf of DePuy International Limited

¹Bioceramics in Hip Joint Replacement; Proceedings 5th International CeramTec Symposium, February 18-19, 2000; Stuttgart; New York: Thieme, 2000 Edited by: Gerard Willmann and Karl Zweymuller.