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OA Centers for Orthopaedics and Maine Hockey Group Rehab Saco Building

*New Sports Performance Center Includes MHG Ice Centre,
Orthopaedic & Physical Therapy Practices and More*

Portland, Maine, July 24, 2008 – OA Centers for Orthopaedics today announced definitive plans to ‘rehab’ a long vacant building located off Route 1 in Saco. Working in partnership with Maine Hockey Group, LLC, the Portland-based orthopaedic practice intends to turn the former Lund Manufacturing building into a multiuse facility that will host sporting events and youth athletic programs as well as provide physical therapy, sports performance training and orthopaedic medical treatments.

“The newly named OA Sports Center will be the first facility in Northern New England to provide orthopaedic medical treatment, physical therapy, injury prevention, sports performance training and youth athletic development programs all in one location,” said John Wipfler, CEO of OA Centers for Orthopaedics. “By providing all of these services under one roof, OA will be able to provide our patients with an unprecedented level of service, treatment and care.”

The OA Sports Center is a joint venture between Maine Hockey Group, LLC (MHG) and OA Centers for Orthopaedics. “MHG and the Portland Junior Pirates needed a new home for our ice arena, and OA sought to expand its orthopaedic and physical therapy practices into Saco,” states Sean O’Brien, President and General Manager of the Maine Hockey Group, LLC. “Together, we have created an exciting new performance concept that is just now coming to life at the OA Sports Center.”

Plans for the OA Sports Center include the transformation of 83,000 square feet of raw industrial space into a state-of-the-art sports performance complex. Another portion of the building was renovated and expanded late last year to house the 38,000 square foot MHG Ice Centre, home to the Portland Junior Pirates. The entire complex, which will have a layout similar to that of an indoor shopping center and feature a ‘Nike-town’ feel, is scheduled to be completed and officially introduced as the OA Sports Center, later this fall.

OA and MHG closed on the building purchase in mid-May. Architectural plans were developed by PDT Architects of Portland, and construction began on the multi-million dollar project in late June.

Upon completion, the OA Sports Center will serve as a new satellite office for OA Centers for Orthopaedics, OA Physical Therapy and the Portland Junior Pirates. Additional partnerships with a national youth athletic development franchise, a regional university and a local restaurant and sports bar are currently in development.

About OA Centers for Orthopaedics

Founded in 1982, OA Centers for Orthopaedics is the premier orthopedic practice in Maine and one of the country's leading innovators in orthopedics. OA's 23 physicians and surgeons are highly specialized in areas such as sports medicine; hand surgery; joint reconstruction of the hip, knee and shoulder; medical and surgical treatment of the spine; foot and ankle surgery; and complex fracture treatment. OA performs more orthopedic procedures than any other practice in Maine, and some of the most sophisticated procedures in the nation. In 2007, US News & World Report ranked Maine Medical Center in the top 50 in the orthopedics category. OA's very own Dr. George Babikian, Chairman of the Division of Orthopaedics, Dr. Raymond White, Chairman of Orthopaedic Trauma, and Dr. Brian McGrory, the Director of the MMC Joint Replacement Center, lead Maine Medical Center's capability in this category. OA is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC).

Headquartered in Portland, Maine, OA has satellite offices in Windham, Yarmouth and Scarborough. OA—Experience in motion.

For more information, please visit www.orthoassociates.com.

About the Maine Hockey Group/MHG Ice Centre

The Maine Hockey Group (MHG) is an organization that advocates the development of ice skaters of all ages. MHG Ice Centre, located at 15 Lund Road in Saco, ME, is the official home of the Portland Junior Pirates (PJP), local youth hockey, and high school hockey, and offers other leagues, clinics, and lessons. The PJP focus on skill development, sportsmanship, teamwork, and professionalism and has helped over 30 players achieve success in collegiate play. For further information, visit www.mainehockeygroup.com, call (207) 283-1900, or e-mail Carmen Roy at carmen@mainehockeygroup.com. For more information on the Portland Junior Pirates, visit www.pjpirates.com, or e-mail Sean O'Brien at sean@portlandjuniorpirates.com.

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