



Manager of Company Announcements
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BY E-LODGEMENT

Dear Sir / Madam

**Release of Trading Halt
U.S. Federal Trade Commission to Challenge Thoratec's Proposed Acquisition of HeartWare**

HeartWare International, Inc. today confirms that the United States Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") has informed HeartWare International and Thoratec Corporation that the FTC will file a complaint in U.S. Federal District Court to challenge Thoratec's proposed acquisition of HeartWare International.

Thoratec and HeartWare International are disappointed with the FTC's decision to challenge the acquisition. The companies intend to review the FTC's decision and mutually assess the appropriate next steps and promptly communicate their intentions to the market once a decision has been made.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D McIntyre".

**David McIntyre
Chief Financial Officer &
Company Secretary**