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## **NeoChord announces the appointment of Alex Jonkers as VP of European Commercial Sales and milestone of over 400 patients treated with the DS1000 System**

**ST. LOUIS PARK, Minn., United States** – 5 May 2016 – [NeoChord, Inc.](http://www.NeoChord.com), today announced the appointment of Alex Jonkers as Vice President of Commercial Sales in Europe. “We are excited to fill this critical role in the organization with such high caliber talent as Alex. He has led the successful adoption of several transformational products throughout his career in the structural heart space and is exactly the leader NeoChord needs as we expand our commercial footprint with the DS1000 System in Europe.” said David Chung, President and CEO of NeoChord.

Most recently, Mr. Jonkers was with Medtronic, Inc., leading a large commercial organization responsible for catheter-based therapies and surgical heart valves across the EMEA region. Prior to Medtronic, Alex was with CoreValve, Inc., serving in a clinical and sales leadership capacity and a key member of the team that directed the successful integration of CoreValve into the Medtronic organization upon acquisition.

“I am thrilled to be a part of the team at NeoChord and am excited to bring this innovative procedure option to more patients”, stated Mr. Jonkers. “As an off-bypass device, I see tremendous potential for consideration of NeoChord’s technology as an early treatment option for patients suffering from degenerative mitral valve regurgitation (DMR)”, stated Mr. Jonkers.

Additionally, the company today announced the treatment of over 400 patients with the DS1000 System. “Achieving the milestone of treating over 400 patients with the DS1000 System is a significant endorsement of the technology and therapy from the cardiovascular community”, said Mr. Chung.

### **About NeoChord, Inc.**

Based in St. Louis Park, Minn., NeoChord, Inc. is a privately held medical technology company leading the advancement of minimally invasive repair for degenerative mitral regurgitation (DMR). DMR is a progressive disease that can result in atrial fibrillation, congestive heart failure, and death when left untreated. NeoChord received CE market clearance in December 2012 for the DS1000 System to treat DMR without the use of cardiopulmonary bypass. For more information, visit: [www.NeoChord.com](http://www.NeoChord.com).

*The NeoChord DS1000 System is CE marked and approved for sale in Europe.*

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