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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended November 30, 2003.

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____.

Commission file Number 0-12515.

BIOMET, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

35-1418342
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

56 East Bell Drive, Warsaw, Indiana 46582
(Address of principal executive offices)

(574) 267-6639
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports
required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of
1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the
registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such
filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes X No

As of November 30, 2003, the registrant had 255,819,567 common shares
outstanding.

BIOMET, INC.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BIOMET, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
at November 30, 2003 and May 31, 2003
(in thousands)

ASSETS

| | November 30, 2003 | May 31, 2003 |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|
| | ----- | ----- |
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 241,740 | \$ 225,650 |
| Investments | 15,541 | 37,337 |
| Accounts and notes receivable, net | 439,312 | 418,095 |
| Inventories | 375,929 | 356,270 |
| Deferred income taxes | 54,642 | 54,262 |
| Prepaid expenses and other | 26,063 | 20,141 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total current assets | 1,153,227 | 1,111,755 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Property, plant and equipment, at cost | 496,818 | 468,965 |
| Less, Accumulated depreciation | 239,320 | 215,519 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 257,498 | 253,446 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Investments | 186,486 | 155,607 |
| Goodwill, net | 127,738 | 126,706 |
| Intangible assets, net | 12,376 | 10,874 |
| Other assets | 13,624 | 13,781 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total assets | \$1,750,949 | \$1,672,169 |
| | ===== | ===== |

The accompanying notes are a part of the consolidated financial statements.

BIOMET, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
at November 30, 2003 and May 31, 2003
(in thousands)

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

| | November 30, 2003 | May 31, 2003 |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|
| | ----- | ----- |
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Short-term borrowings | \$ 123,648 | \$ 114,120 |
| Accounts payable | 39,097 | 42,106 |
| Accrued income taxes | 10,002 | 12,453 |
| Accrued wages and commissions | 43,502 | 43,715 |
| Other accrued expenses | 57,351 | 54,260 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total current liabilities | 273,600 | 266,654 |
| Long-term liabilities: | | |
| Deferred income taxes | 6,918 | 7,031 |
| Other liabilities | -- | 462 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total liabilities | 280,518 | 274,147 |
| Minority interest | 116,032 | 111,888 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Contingencies (Note 7) | | |
| Shareholders' equity: | | |
| Common shares | 153,798 | 141,931 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 54,123 | 54,081 |
| Retained earnings | 1,144,336 | 1,100,462 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | 2,142 | (10,340) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total shareholders' equity | 1,354,399 | 1,286,134 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$1,750,949 | \$1,672,169 |
| | ===== | ===== |

The accompanying notes are a part of the consolidated financial statements.

BIOMET, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
for the six and three month periods ended November 30, 2003 and 2002
(Unaudited, in thousands, except per share data)

| | Six Months Ended | | Three Months Ended | |
|---|------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| | ----- | | ----- | |
| | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 |
| | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| Net sales | \$757,880 | \$659,048 | \$387,561 | \$341,448 |
| Cost of sales | 214,408 | 188,742 | 108,790 | 98,605 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Gross profit | 543,472 | 470,306 | 278,771 | 242,843 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 269,061 | 237,137 | 136,664 | 121,249 |

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| | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Research and development expense | 30,558 | 25,707 | 15,810 | 13,069 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Operating income | 243,853 | 207,462 | 126,297 | 108,525 |
| Other income, net | 6,690 | 6,802 | 3,669 | 2,858 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Income before income taxes and minority interest | 250,543 | 214,264 | 129,966 | 111,383 |
| Provision for income taxes | 87,229 | 74,138 | 45,250 | 38,544 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Income before minority interest | 163,314 | 140,126 | 84,716 | 72,839 |
| Minority interest | 4,144 | 3,766 | 2,024 | 2,485 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Net income | \$159,170 | \$136,360 | \$ 82,692 | \$ 70,354 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| Earnings per share: | | | | |
| Basic | \$.62 | \$.52 | \$.32 | \$.27 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| Diluted | \$.62 | \$.52 | \$.32 | \$.27 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| Shares used in the computation of earnings per share: | | | | |
| Basic | 256,325 | 260,862 | 255,797 | 259,499 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| Diluted | 257,904 | 262,925 | 257,599 | 261,626 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| Cash dividends per common share | \$.15 | \$.10 | \$ -- | \$ -- |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |

The accompanying notes are a part of the consolidated financial statements.

BIOMET, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
for the six months ended November 30, 2003 and 2002
(Unaudited, in thousands)

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| | ---- | ---- |
| Cash flows from (used in) operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$159,170 | \$136,360 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation | 24,036 | 20,401 |
| Amortization | 1,512 | 1,944 |
| Gain on sale of investments, net | (692) | (59) |
| Minority interest | 4,144 | 3,766 |
| Deferred income taxes | (1,103) | (967) |
| Changes in current assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts and notes receivable, net | (16,819) | (15,788) |
| Inventories | (9,799) | (11,195) |
| Accounts payable | (7,089) | 1,097 |
| Accrued income taxes | (2,620) | (10,762) |
| Other | (1,425) | (5,684) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Net cash from operating activities | 149,315 | 119,113 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Cash flows from (used in) investing activities: | | |
| Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments | 68,981 | 74,650 |
| Purchases of investments | (77,237) | (31,919) |
| Capital expenditures | (24,618) | (19,083) |

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| | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Other | (1,878) | (3,614) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Net cash from (used in) investing activities | (34,752) | 20,034 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Cash flows from (used in) financing activities: | | |
| Increase in short-term borrowings, net | 6,877 | 12,043 |
| Issuance of common shares | 13,323 | 9,944 |
| Cash dividends | (38,604) | (26,431) |
| Purchase of common shares | (78,703) | (148,264) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (97,107) | (152,708) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | (1,366) | 785 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 16,090 | (12,776) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year | 225,650 | 154,297 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$241,740 | \$141,521 |
| | ===== | ===== |

The accompanying notes are a part of the consolidated financial statements.

BIOMET, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: BASIS OF PRESENTATION.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Biomet, Inc. and its subsidiaries (individually and collectively referred to as the "Company"). The unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and notes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the six-month period ended November 30, 2003 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2004. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2003.

The accompanying consolidated balance sheet at May 31, 2003, has been derived from the audited Consolidated Financial Statements at that date, but does not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

The Company operates in one business segment, musculoskeletal products, which includes the designing, manufacturing and marketing of reconstructive products, fixation devices, spinal products and other products. Other products consist primarily of EBI's softgoods and bracing products, Arthrotek's arthroscopy products, general instruments and operating room supplies. The Company manages its business segment primarily on a geographic basis. These geographic markets are comprised of the United States, Europe and the Rest of World. Major markets included in the Rest of World geographic market are Canada, South America, Mexico, Japan and the Pacific Rim.

Net sales of musculoskeletal products by product category are as follows for the six and three month periods ended November 30:

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| | Six Months Ended | | Three Months Ended | |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 |
| | (in thousands) | | | |
| Reconstructive | \$485,522 | \$403,939 | \$252,083 | \$211,914 |
| Fixation | 122,428 | 117,808 | 60,295 | 58,427 |
| Spinal products | 76,946 | 69,463 | 38,979 | 36,197 |
| Other | 72,984 | 67,838 | 36,204 | 34,910 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| | \$757,880 | \$659,048 | \$387,561 | \$341,448 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |

As permitted by SFAS No. 123, the Company accounts for its employee stock options using the intrinsic value method. Accordingly, no compensation expense is recognized for the employee stock-based compensation plans. If compensation expense for the Company's employee stock options had been determined based on the fair value method of accounting, pro forma net income and diluted earnings per share for the six and three month periods ended November 30, 2003 and 2002 would have been as follows:

| | Six Months Ended | | Three Months Ended | |
|---|------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 |
| Net income as reported (in thousands) | \$159,170 | \$136,360 | \$ 82,692 | \$ 70,354 |
| Deduct: Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under the fair value method for all awards net of related tax effects (in thousands) | 2,563 | 2,764 | 1,281 | 1,382 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Pro forma net income (in thousands) | \$156,607 | \$133,596 | \$ 81,411 | \$ 68,972 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| Earning per share: | | | | |
| Basic, as reported | \$0.62 | \$0.52 | \$0.32 | \$0.27 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| Basic, pro forma | \$0.61 | \$0.51 | \$0.32 | \$0.26 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| Diluted, as reported | \$0.62 | \$0.52 | \$0.32 | \$0.27 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| Diluted, pro forma | \$0.61 | \$0.51 | \$0.32 | \$0.27 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |

NOTE 2: COMPREHENSIVE INCOME.

Other comprehensive income includes foreign currency translation adjustments and unrealized appreciation of available-for-sale securities, net of taxes. Other comprehensive income (loss) for the three months ended November 30, 2003 and 2002 was \$9,884,000 and \$(4,000), respectively. Other comprehensive income for the six months ended November 30, 2003 and 2002 was \$12,483,000 and \$16,676,000, respectively. Total comprehensive income combines reported net income and other comprehensive income. Total comprehensive income for the three months ended November 30, 2003 and 2002 was \$92,576,000 and \$70,350,000, respectively. Total comprehensive income for the six months ended November 30, 2003 and 2002 was \$171,653,000 and \$153,036,000, respectively.

NOTE 3: INVENTORIES.

Inventories at November 30, 2003 and May 31, 2003 are as follows:

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| | November 30, 2003 | May 31, 2003 |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| | ----- | ----- |
| | (in thousands) | |
| Raw materials | \$ 36,903 | \$ 37,685 |
| Work-in-process | 40,513 | 38,110 |
| Finished goods | 153,762 | 142,483 |
| Consigned distributor | 144,751 | 137,992 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | \$375,929 | \$356,270 |
| | ===== | ===== |

NOTE 4: COMMON SHARES.

During the six months ended November 30, 2003, the Company issued 995,133 Common Shares upon the exercise of outstanding stock options for proceeds aggregating \$13,323,000. Purchases of Common Shares pursuant to the Common Share Repurchase Programs aggregated 2,664,249 shares for \$78,703,000 during the six months ended November 30, 2003.

NOTE 5: EARNINGS PER SHARE.

Earnings per common share amounts ("basic EPS") are computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding and excludes any potential dilution. Earnings per common share amounts assuming dilution ("diluted EPS") are computed by reflecting potential dilution from the exercise of stock options.

NOTE 6: INCOME TAXES.

The difference between the reported provision for income taxes and a provision computed by applying the federal statutory rate to pre-tax accounting income is primarily attributable to state income taxes, tax benefits relating to operations in Puerto Rico, tax-exempt income and tax credits.

NOTE 7: CONTINGENCIES.

There are various claims, lawsuits, disputes with third parties, investigations and pending actions involving various allegations against the Company incident to the operation of its business, principally product liability and intellectual property cases. Each of these matters is subject to various uncertainties, and it is possible that some of these matters may be resolved unfavorably to the Company. The Company establishes accruals for losses that are deemed to be probable and subject to reasonable estimate. Based on the advice of counsel to the Company in these matters, management believes that the ultimate outcome of these matters and any liabilities in excess of amounts provided will not have a material adverse impact on the Company's consolidated financial position or on its future business operations.

NOTE 8: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS.

On December 18, 2003, the Company announced that it had reached an agreement in principle with Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, to acquire Merck's 50% interest in the Biomet-Merck Joint Venture for an aggregate purchase price of \$300 million in cash. Consummation of the acquisition, which is subject to certain conditions including completion of definitive documentation and clearance by applicable antitrust authorities, is expected to occur during the first calendar quarter of 2004.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL

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CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2003

The Company's cash and investments increased \$25,173,000 to \$443,767,000 at November 30, 2003. This increase resulted from positive cash flow from operations, offset by the \$38,604,000 dividend paid during the first quarter and the \$78,703,000 used to purchase shares during the first six months pursuant to the Company's share repurchase programs.

Cash flows provided by operating activities were \$149,315,000 for the first six months of fiscal 2004 compared to \$119,113,000 in 2003. The primary sources of fiscal year 2004 cash flows from operating activities were net income and depreciation. The primary uses were increases in accounts receivable and inventory and a reduction in accounts payable. Over the last several quarters, the Company has experienced a greater sales growth in its insurance billings versus its hospital billings in the United States. These insurance billings historically have had a longer collection cycle. In addition, accounts receivable continue to increase as the Company's sales continue to grow. Inventories increased from new product introductions (specifically in Europe) and a buildup of inventory associated with the Company's establishment of its direct operations in Japan. Accounts payable decreased due to the lower levels of common stock being purchased at the end of this quarter versus the end of the fiscal year. Accounts and notes receivable and inventory balances were increased during the six month period by \$4.4 million and \$9.9 million, respectively, due to currency exchange rates.

Cash flows used in investing activities were \$34,752,000 for the first six months of fiscal 2004 compared to cash flows provided of \$20,034,000 in 2003. The primary use of cash flows from investing activities were purchases of investments and capital equipment offset by sales and maturities of investments.

Cash flows used in financing activities were \$97,107,000 for the first six months of fiscal 2004 compared to a use of \$152,708,000 in 2003. The primary use of cash flows from financing activities were the cash dividend paid in the first quarter and the share repurchase programs. In July 2003, the Company's Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of fifteen cents (\$.15) per share payable to shareholders of record at the close of business on July 11, 2003.

Currently available funds, together with anticipated cash flows generated from future operations, are believed to be adequate to cover the Company's anticipated cash requirements, including the purchase of Merck's KGaA's 50% interest in the Biomet-Merck Joint Venture (see Footnote 8 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements), capital expenditures, research and development costs, stock repurchases and litigation settlements, if any.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2003 AS COMPARED TO THE SIX MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2002

Net sales increased 15% to \$757,880,000 for the six-month period ended November 30, 2003, from \$659,048,000 for the same period last year. Excluding the impact of foreign currency, which increased sales for the six months by \$28.4 million, net sales increased 11% during the first six months of fiscal year 2004. The Company's U.S.-based revenue increased 11% to \$516,797,000 during the first six months of fiscal 2004, while foreign sales increased 25% to \$241,083,000. Excluding the positive foreign exchange adjustment, foreign sales in local currencies increased 11%. The Company's worldwide sales of reconstructive products during the first six months of fiscal 2004 were \$485,522,000, representing a 20% increase compared to the first six months of last year. This increase came through balanced growth in all of the

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reconstructive product categories. The Company's extensive line of reconstructive products continues to gain market share in this rapidly growing market. Sales of fixation products were \$122,428,000 for the first six months of fiscal 2004, representing a 4% increase as compared to the same period in 2003. Sales of spinal products were \$76,946,000 for the first six months of fiscal 2004, representing an 11% increase as compared to the same period in 2003. The increase is primarily a result of the expansion of EBI's product portfolio into the hardware and biological segments of the spinal markets. The Company's sales of other products totaled \$72,984,000, representing an 8% increase over the first six months of fiscal year 2003, primarily as a result of increased sales of arthroscopy products and softgoods and bracing products.

Cost of sales decreased as a percentage of net sales to 28.3% for the first six months of fiscal 2004 from 28.6% last year primarily as a result of increased in-house manufacturing efficiencies. Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales decreased to 35.5% compared to 36.0% for the first six months last year. This decrease in the percentage is a result of the Company's continued emphasis on slowing its general and administrative expense growth. Research and development expenditures increased 19% during the first six months to \$30,558,000 reflecting the Company's continued emphasis on new product introductions. Operating income rose 18% from \$207,462,000 for the first six months of fiscal 2003, to \$243,853,000 for the first six months of fiscal 2004. Other income decreased 1.6%. Over the last eight quarters, the Company has used \$508,000,000 to purchase its common stock which has reduced cash available for investment. In addition, as interest rates fall, higher yielding investments are called and replaced with lower yielding investments. The effective income tax rate increased to 34.8% for the first six months of fiscal year 2004 from 34.6% last year primarily as a result of increases in domestic state income tax rates.

These factors resulted in a 17% increase in net income to \$159,170,000 for the first six months of fiscal 2004 as compared to \$136,360,000 for the same period in fiscal 2003. Basic and diluted earnings per share increased 19%, from \$.52 to \$.62 for the periods presented.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2003 AS COMPARED TO THE THREE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2002

Net sales increased 14% to \$387,561,000 for the second quarter of fiscal 2004, as compared to \$341,448,000 for the same period last year. Excluding the impact of foreign currency, which increased second quarter sales by \$13 million, net sales increased 10% during the second quarter of fiscal year 2004. Operating income increased 16% from \$108,525,000 for the second quarter of fiscal 2003, to \$126,297,000 for the second quarter of fiscal 2004. During the second quarter, net income increased 18% to \$82,692,000 as compared to \$70,354,000 for the same period last year. Basic and diluted earnings per share increased 19% from \$.27 to \$.32 for the periods presented. The business factors resulting in these changes and relevant trends affecting the Company's business during the periods in question are comparable to those described in the preceding discussion for the six-month period.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risks.

There have been no material changes from the information provided in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended May 31, 2003.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures. As of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company carried out an evaluation, under

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the supervision and with the participation of its management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Based on this evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective in timely notification to them of information the Company is required to disclose in its periodic SEC filings and in ensuring that this information is recorded, processed summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and regulations.

(b) Changes in Internal Control. During the second quarter of fiscal 2004 covered by this report, there have been no significant changes in internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or were reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

- (a) Exhibits. See Index to Exhibits.
(b) Reports on Form 8-K. None.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BIOMET, INC.

DATE: 1/13/2004

BY: /s/ Gregory D. Hartman

Gregory D. Hartman
Senior Vice President - Finance
(Principal Financial Officer)

(Signing on behalf of the registrant
and as principal financial officer)

BIOMET, INC.

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Table with 3 columns: Number Assigned in Regulation S-K Item 601, Description of Exhibit, Sequential Numbering System Page Number of Exhibit. Rows include (2) No exhibit and (4) 4.1 Specimen certificate for Common Shares.

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Exhibit 4.1 to the registrant's Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 31, 1985.)

4.2 Rights Agreement between Biomet, Inc. and Lake City Bank, as Rights Agent, dated as of December 16, 1999. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.01 to Biomet, Inc. Form 8-K Current Report dated December 16, 1999, Commission File No. 0-12515), as amended September 1, 2002 to change rights agent to American Stock Transfer & Trust Company.

- (10) 10.1 Joint Venture Agreement between Biomet, Inc. and Merck KGaA dated as of November 24, 1997 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.01 to Biomet, Inc. Form 8-K Current Report dated February 17, 1998, Commission File No. 0-12515).
- (11) No exhibit
- (15) No exhibit.
- (18) No exhibit.
- (19) No exhibit.
- (22) No exhibit.
- (23) No exhibit.
- (24) No exhibit.
- (31) 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- (32) 32.1 Written Statement of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.