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August 12, 2002

**Via Federal Express and Facsimile**

Mr. Jonathan G. Katz  
Secretary  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20549

RE: Owens & Minor, Inc.  
Statements Under Oath Relating to Exchange Act Filings

Dear Mr. Katz:

Pursuant to SEC Order 4-460, enclosed please find originals of the Statements under Oath Relating to Exchange Act Filings signed by G. Gilmer Minor, III, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman, and Jeffrey Kaczka, Chief Financial Officer of Owens & Minor, Inc.

Owens & Minor, Inc.'s 10Q for the second quarter of 2002 was filed with the Commission on August 12, 2002.

Very truly yours,

Drew St.J. Carneal  
Senior Vice President and  
General Counsel

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**Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings**

I, G. Gilmer Minor, III, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Owens & Minor, Inc. state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Owens & Minor, Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

- no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
- no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).

(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's Audit Committee.

(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":

- 2001 Annual Report on Form 10-K of Owens & Minor, Inc. filed with the Commission
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Owens & Minor, Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

*G. Gilmer Minor III*

G. Gilmer Minor, III  
Chief Executive Officer and  
Chairman  
Owens & Minor, Inc.

Date: August 12, 2002

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Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
August, 2002.

*Karen E. England*

Karen E. England  
Notary Public-Commonwealth of Virginia  
My Commission Expires Aug. 31, 2003