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March 28, 2002

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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SCHEDULE TO  
(RULE 14D-100)  
TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14 (d) (1)  
OR SECTION 13 (e) (1) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
  
(AMENDMENT NO. 3)

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ORATEC INTERVENTIONS, INC.  
(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

ORCHID MERGER CORP.  
SMITH & NEPHEW, INC.  
SMITH & NEPHEW PLC  
  
(Names of Filing Persons (Offerors))

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COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$.001  
PER SHARE (including the associated  
preferred stock purchase rights)  
  
(Title of Class of Securities)

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68554M  
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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James A. Ralston, Senior Vice President and General Counsel  
Smith & Nephew, Inc.  
1450 Brooks Road  
Memphis, Tennessee 38116  
(901) 396-2121

(Name, address and telephone number of  
person authorized to receive notices  
and communications on behalf of filing persons)

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Check the appropriate boxes below to designate any transactions to which the statement relates:

- third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.
- issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.
- going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.
- amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the tender offer:

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SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP NO. 68554M

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS: Orchid Merger Corp.  
 1 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY).

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CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*  
 2 (a)   
 (b)

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SEC USE ONLY  
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SOURCE OF FUNDS  
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CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT  
 TO ITEMS 2(D) OR 2(E)   
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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
 6 Delaware

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		SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF	7	-0-
SHARES		

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		SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY	8	100 shares
OWNED BY		

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		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
EACH	9	-0-
REPORTING		
PERSON		

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		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH	10	100 shares

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AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
 11 100 shares

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CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES   
 12

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
100%

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14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
CO  
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SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP NO. 68554M  
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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS: Smith & Nephew, Inc.  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY): 51-0123924  
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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF GROUP\*  
(a)   
(b)

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3 SEC USE ONLY  
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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS  
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5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT  
TO ITEM 2(D) OR 2(E)

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
Delaware  
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7 SOLE VOTING POWER  
-0-  
NUMBER OF  
SHARES

8 SHARED VOTING POWER  
100 shares  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
-0-  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
100 shares  
WITH

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11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
100 shares  
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12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
100%

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TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
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SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP NO. 68554M

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS: Smith & Nephew plc  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (entities only): 98-0224867

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)  
(a)   
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS  
CO

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT  
TO ITEMS 2(D) or 2(E)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
England and Wales

7 SOLE VOTING POWER  
NUMBER OF SHARES 7 -0-

8 SHARED VOTING POWER  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH 8 100 shares

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
REPORTING PERSON 9 -0-

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
WITH 10 100 shares

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
100 shares

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
100%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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This Amendment No. 3 (this "Amendment") amends and supplements the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO filed by Orchid Merger Corp., a Delaware corporation ("Purchaser"), Smith & Nephew, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Smith & Nephew"), and Smith & Nephew plc, a corporation organized under the laws of England and Wales ("Parent"), on February 22, 2002, as amended by Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 2 thereto (as amended, the "Schedule TO"), relating to the offer to purchase all issued and outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$.001 per share, of ORATEC Interventions, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("ORATEC"), including the associated preferred stock purchase rights issued pursuant to the Preferred Shares Rights Agreement dated as of November 28, 2000, as amended, between ORATEC and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as rights agent (collectively, the "Shares"), upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase dated February 22, 2002 and in the related Letter of Transmittal. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Schedule TO.

This Amendment also amends and supplements the Schedule 13D of Purchaser, Smith & Nephew and Parent originally filed on February 22, 2002, as amended.

Item 1 through Item 11.

Items 1 through 11 of the Schedule TO are hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following thereto:

On March 28, 2002, the merger of Purchaser with and into ORATEC (the "Merger") became effective, with ORATEC surviving the Merger as a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Smith & Nephew. As a result of the Merger, each Share issued and outstanding immediately prior to the effective time of the Merger (other than Shares owned by ORATEC, Smith & Nephew or any wholly owned subsidiary of Smith & Nephew) was automatically cancelled and became the right to receive cash, without interest, in the amount of \$12.50 per Share. The Merger completes the purchase of ORATEC by Smith & Nephew.

SIGNATURE

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

SMITH & NEPHEW PLC

By: /s/ Michael Parson

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Name: Michael Parson  
Title: Company Secretary

SMITH & NEPHEW, INC.

By: /s/ James A. Ralston

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Name: James A. Ralston  
Title: Senior Vice President and  
General Counsel

ORCHID MERGER CORP.

By: /s/ James A. Ralston

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Name: James A. Ralston  
Title: Senior Vice President and  
General Counsel

Date: March 28, 2002