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## Jim Mazzo Joins MIND Research Institute's Board of Directors

*MIND Research Institute Adds Another Powerhouse to Board of Directors*

**SANTA ANA, California --February 23, 2009**—MIND Research Institute today announced that Jim Mazzo, chairman and chief executive officer of Advanced Medical Optics (AMO), was recently elected to MIND's board of directors. Mr. Mazzo is a strong believer in education. He serves on numerous boards and committees at the University of California at Irvine (UCI) and chairs the UCI Foundation's Board of Trustees, the Engineering Advisory Board Committee, and the Eye Institute Steering Committee. He is also serves on the board of trustees for Chapman University and the University of San Diego.

"When you want something done, give it to the busiest person you know." This saying is really true with Jim Mazzo, and the reason why MIND Research Institute welcomes him to our already distinguished board," said Ted Smith, Chairman and CEO. "Mazzo represents the biotechnology field, which depends on employees with strong mathematics and problem-solving skills, which the MIND education process teaches to all students. He is also a go-getter and doer – two of the greatest qualities in a board member."

Mazzo assumed the position of CEO at AMO following the company's spin-off from Allergan, Inc. in 2002 and became chairman of the board in May 2006. He honed his management skills during a 22-year career at Allergan, where he held a variety of senior executive-level positions, and eventually became the company's corporate vice president and president of the ophthalmic surgical and contact lens care businesses. AMO is being purchased by Abbot Laboratories. Upon closure of the deal, Mazzo will be an Abbot Senior Vice President and President of Abbott Medical Optics.

Mazzo remarked about his new position on the MIND board, "This is an organization that is solving a major problem in American education in an innovative and highly scalable way. I'm excited to be part of their success and anxious to bring my skills and talents to its high powered board."

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