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Zimmer Announces Actions Affecting its Ohio-based Orthopaedic Surgical Products Operation

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Voluntarily Recalls and Temporarily Suspends Production of Certain Patient Care Product Lines

WARSAW, Ind., April 3, 2008, 2008 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ZMH; SWX: ZMH) announced today that it has taken a number of actions to improve quality systems at its Dover, Ohio facility, which manufactures Zimmer Orthopaedic Surgical Products (OSP).

The Company recently conducted a review of quality systems at the Dover, Ohio OSP facility and initiated voluntary product recalls of certain OSP products manufactured at the Dover facility that the Company has determined do not meet internal quality standards. In addition, the Company has voluntarily and temporarily suspended production and sales of certain OSP products manufactured at the Dover facility. The suspension will permit the Company to focus the OSP organization on the needed improvements to manufacturing and conduct enhanced quality training for employees.

The Company has notified the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), distributors and end-users of the recalls. These recalls do not affect the Company's core hip and knee implants business.

The OSP division produces a variety of patient care items used to support orthopaedic surgery, including disposables used in blood management, surgical wound site debridement and cement accessories. In 2007, Zimmer reported revenues from its OSP and Other product category of $234 million, less than half of which were generated by products affected by the recalls and suspension. These actions are expected to adversely impact 2008 OSP revenues by $70 to $80 million. Additional detail on the expected impact will be provided during the Company's first quarter investor conference call on April 24, 2008.

About Zimmer

Founded in 1927 and headquartered in Warsaw, Indiana, Zimmer is a worldwide leader in designing, developing, manufacturing and marketing orthopaedic reconstructive, spinal and trauma devices, dental implants, and related orthopaedic surgical products. Zimmer has operations in more than 25 countries around the world and sells products in more than 100 countries. Zimmer's 2007 sales were approximately $3.9 billion. The Company is supported by the efforts of more than 7,500 employees worldwide.

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