Zimmer Holdings Announces Dates for Third Quarter 2006 Conference Call and 2007 AAOS Analyst Meeting

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WARSAW, Ind., Oct 09, 2006 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ZMH; SWX: ZMH), leader in the orthopaedics industry, announced today its third quarter 2006 sales and earnings conference call will be broadcast live over the Internet on Thursday, October 26, 2006, at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Time. A news release detailing the quarterly results will be made available on Wednesday, October 25, 2006, after the close of the New York Stock Exchange.

The live audio webcast can be accessed via Zimmer's Investor Relations website at http://investor.zimmer.com . It will be archived for replay following the conference.

Individuals who wish to dial into the conference call may do so at (800) 406-1106. International callers should dial (706) 634-7075. A digital recording will be available two hours after the completion of the conference call from October 26, 2006 to November 9, 2006. To access the recording, US/Canada callers should dial (800) 642-1687, or for International callers, dial (706) 645-9291, and enter the Conference ID, 8092596.

The Company also announced it will conduct a meeting for investment analysts on Wednesday, February 14, 2007, during the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons meeting in San Diego. The meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Time); the location will be announced when it is finalized. The investment analyst meeting will be hosted by Ray Elliott, Chairman, President and CEO, and Sam Leno, Executive Vice President, Finance and Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, and will feature a presentation and question-and-answer period.

To avoid any delay in starting the meeting on time, investment analysts are encouraged to pre-register for the meeting by contacting Michele Picillo in advance of the meeting at 574-372-4474 or by e-mail at michele.picillo@zimmer.com .

About the Company

Founded in 1927 and headquartered in Warsaw, Indiana, Zimmer is the worldwide #1 pure-play orthopaedic leader in designing, developing, manufacturing and marketing reconstructive and spinal implants, trauma and related orthopaedic surgical products. Zimmer has operations in more than 24 countries around the world and sells products in more than 100 countries. Zimmer's 2005 sales were approximately $3.3 billion. The Company is supported by the efforts of more than 6,700 employees worldwide.

Visit Zimmer on the worldwide web at http://www.zimmer.com .

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