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Zimmer Holdings Signs Distribution Agreement to Re-Enter the Powered Surgical Instrument Market

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WARSAW, Ind., July 27, 2006 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ZMH; SWX: ZMH), a leader in the orthopaedics industry, announced today that it has entered into a five-year agreement with Brasseler USA that allows Zimmer to sell and distribute Brasseler-manufactured powered surgical instruments (large and small bone) and consumables in the United States.

"Zimmer was the leader in the powered surgical market with the Linvatec/Hall Surgical line of products until our former parent divested the product line, and we are pleased to be re-entering the market," said Ray Elliott, Zimmer Chairman, President and CEO. "With Brasseler's systems, we are once again in a position to address our customers' needs with an excellent product line backed by exceptional Zimmer customer service. This is a natural extension of our leadership in joint replacement implants."

Brasseler recently released a new large bone surgical power equipment system -- the Brasseler Orthopaedic Power System, which will be marketed by Zimmer under the Brasseler brand. The system utilizes a unique power module to drive all the handpieces. This power module, which incorporates a battery, drive motor and system electronics, is not sterile processed, but rather is aseptically transferred to the handpieces. Eliminating the intense autoclaving cycles increases battery life and overall reliability of the power tool system.

A premium line of disposable blades fitting Zimmer implant systems will be marketed under the Zimmer brand. A broader range of blades not specific to Zimmer implant systems (large bone and small bone) will be sold under the Brasseler brand.

Brasseler also manufactures the PneuMicro Small Bone Power System, a pneumatic-powered system for use in orthopaedic, oral, maxillofacial, podiatric and otology procedures, which will be distributed by Zimmer.

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.

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