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Zimmer Receives FDA Clearance for Revolutionary New Surgical Guidance Technology

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iASSIST™ Knee Supports Streamlined, Personalized Knee Replacement Procedures

WARSAW, Ind., Jan. 17, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ZMH; SIX: ZMH), a global leader in musculoskeletal health, today announced that it has received 510(k) clearance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to market *iASSIST™* Knee, the Personalized Guidance System™ for knee replacement procedures.

iASSIST represents a revolutionary next step in surgical guidance, providing simple, intuitive and accurate intraoperative feedback and alignment validation to surgeons during joint replacement procedures, eliminating the need for bulky capital equipment. Current robotic and navigation systems use optical-tracking, requiring a clear line-of-sight into the surgical field, and rely upon complex additional equipment in the operating room, providing feedback on external computer screens.

Zimmer's *iASSIST* Knee technology comprises small electronic disposable pod components that are used at the site of knee replacement surgery, providing instantaneous, accurate alignment validation through a simple electronic display. The disposable pods are manipulated within the surgical field with positioning information provided by a series of internal accelerometers. *iASSIST* Knee does not require the use of pins or additional incisions and does not rely on external systems or stimulus.

"*iASSIST* Knee represents the next-step in intelligent instruments, offering significant benefits to patients, health care providers and health systems. This innovative technology supports more streamlined and personalized knee replacement procedures through a simple, disposable intraoperative device," said Jeff McCaulley, President, Zimmer Reconstructive. "We are greatly excited by the potential of *iASSIST* technology, which delivers on the promise of accurate implant

positioning and alignment validation without the complexity, cost and time associated with current capital-intensive navigation and robotic systems."

iASSIST Knee technology is compatible with Zimmer's current and next generation knee systems.

About Zimmer

Founded in 1927 and headquartered in Warsaw, Indiana, Zimmer designs, develops, manufactures and markets orthopaedic reconstructive, spinal and trauma devices, dental implants, and related surgical products. Zimmer has operations in more than 25 countries around the world and sells products in more than 100 countries. Zimmer's 2011 sales were approximately $4.5 billion. The Company is supported by the efforts of more than 8,500 employees worldwide. For more information, please visit our website at www.zimmer.com.

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