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Zimmer Spine Introduces New Rigid to Dynamic Stabilization Transition System

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First Procedures Completed in the United States

WARSAW, Ind., Jan 08, 2008 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ZMH; SWX: ZMH), a leader in the orthopaedic industry, announced today that the first Zimmer(R) DTO(TM) Implant cases have been completed in the United States. The Zimmer DTO implant combines the Dynesys(R) Dynamic Stabilization System with the rigid stabilization of the OPTIMA(TM) ZS Spinal System to offer a new segmental solution for treating different stages of spinal degeneration at contiguous levels.

"The introduction of the Zimmer DTO Implant represents an important milestone in our commitment to innovation in the rapidly expanding dynamic stabilization market segment," said Damien McDonald, President of Zimmer Spine. "With over 30,000 procedures worldwide, Zimmer Spine will further differentiate our Dynesys product line through continued expansion and enhancements."

According to the Company, the Zimmer DTO implant provides surgeons with the flexibility to address varying patient requirements by matching the degree of stabilization needed for each of multiple levels of spine degeneration. Neurosurgical spine surgeon Reginald Davis, M.D. from Baltimore, Maryland, and Rick Delamarter, M.D., an orthopaedic spine surgeon from Santa Monica, California, performed the first Zimmer DTO patient implantations in the United States.

Zimmer Spine introduced the DTO Implant at the most recent North American Spine Society (NASS) meeting, held in Austin, Texas, and completed a full market release in December 2007. The Zimmer DTO implant and OPTIMA ZS transition screw are cleared to provide stabilization and immobilization to the lumbar and sacral spine as an adjunct to fusion. The Zimmer DTO implant was cleared for marketing by the FDA in the fourth quarter of 2007.

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 2006 sales were approximately $3.5 billion. The Company is supported by the efforts of more than 7,000 employees worldwide.

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