Zimmer Named to BusinessWeek 50 Top Performing Companies List

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WARSAW, Ind., March 30, 2005 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ZMH; SWX: ZMH), a leader in the orthopaedics industry, announced today it has been named to the BusinessWeek 50 list, BusinessWeek magazine's ranking of the top performing companies within the Standard & Poor's 500. Zimmer ranked 38th overall in the listing and was the only orthopaedic company to make the top 100.

"We are pleased to be recognized among the top performers within all industries," said Ray Elliott, Zimmer Holdings Chairman, President and CEO. "This recognition is a testament to the skill and dedication of Zimmer's 6,500 employees who have helped grow this company from just over $1.1 billion in sales when we went public in 2001 to nearly $3 billion last year."

The BusinessWeek 50 is determined using a 10-part formula for analyzing the companies in the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index. The formula involves sales and earnings growth for the most recent 12-month period and the past three years. The formula also considers net profit margins and return on equity to judge how efficiently each corporation manages its resources. Other factors include shareholder returns for one- and three-year periods and a company's debt-to-capital ratio.

In 2003, Zimmer was recognized as one of BusinessWeek's 100 "Hot Growth" companies. The Company was ranked 26th overall and was the top-rated orthopaedic company.

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. In October 2003, the Company finalized its acquisition of Centerpulse AG, a Switzerland-based orthopaedics company and the leader in the European reconstructive market. Zimmer has operations in more than 24 countries around the world and sells products in more than 100 countries. Zimmer's 2004 sales were approximately $3 billion. The Company is supported by the efforts of more than 6,500 employees worldwide.

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