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Zimmer Responds to Analyst Inquiries About Recent Movements in Foreign Exchange Rates

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WARSAW, Ind., June 15, 2005 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ZMH; SWX: ZMH) today addressed recent inquiries regarding the effect of recent foreign currency exchange rate movements on 2005 sales. Since the Company's first quarter earnings conference call on April 26, 2005, the U.S. Dollar has strengthened against most major currencies. Consequently, the expected contribution from foreign currency movements to quarterly sales growth for the balance of 2005 has diminished. Assuming no further movement of foreign currency exchange rates for the balance of the year, the differences that have occurred since April 26th should result in lower sales of $8 million in the second quarter and $49 million for 2005 full year.

The following table quantifies the differences on the Company's sales growth by quarter due to the movement of foreign currency exchange rates from April 26 to June 13, 2005.

Contribution of Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Differences to 2005 Sales
$ (in millions) and % growth over 2004 by Quarter

		Q1 Actual	Q2 Estimate	Q3 Estimate	Q4 Estimate	Full Year Estimate
As of April 26, 2005	Sales $ Growth	$16	$23	$22	$8	$69
	Sales % Growth	2.1%	3.1%	3.1%	1.0%	2.3%
As of June 13, 2005	Sales $ Growth	$16	$15	$3	($14)	$20
	Sales % Growth	2.1%	2.0%	0.5%	(1.7%)	0.7%

The Company utilizes forward contracts to hedge the short term effects of foreign currency movement. With approximately 85% of the Company's next 12 months of inter-company sales transactions

hedged, the short term effect of rapid foreign currency exchange rate movements on operating profit dollars is expected to be minimal.

The Company will update the effect of foreign currency on expected sales growth again during its second quarter earnings conference call scheduled for 8:00 am EDT, on Thursday, July 28, 2005.

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 2004 sales were approximately $3 billion. The Company is supported by the efforts of more than 6,500 employees worldwide.

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