

Zimmer Natural Knee Celebrates 25 Years of Excellence

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WARSAW, Ind., March 11, 2010 /PRNewswire via COMTEX News Network/ -- Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ZMH; SIX: ZMH), a leader in musculoskeletal care, will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the *Zimmer(R) Natural Knee(R) System* this year. The *Natural Knee* system offers a complete range of interchangeable, anatomically designed implants used in more than 400,000 implantations worldwide. Published clinical results show survivorship of the *Natural Knee* system to be above 95% over a period of 14 years.

The first *Natural Knee* product was implanted in 1985, and the system has been commercially available since 1986. It was one of the first implant systems designed to truly replicate the natural anatomy of the knee, duplicating the asymmetric shape of the human tibia. This design provides tibial coverage without overhang and soft tissue impingement. The system's unique "deepened trochlear groove" allows smooth movement of the patella through a full range of motion. The *Natural Knee* system design also includes several innovative features, including a proprietary *Cancellous-Structured Titanium(TM) (CSTi(TM))* porous coating option for fixation and an ultracongruent bearing incorporating a unique bone-preserving posterior stabilizing design.

Over the years, Zimmer has built on these innovations to offer a comprehensive family of implants suited to the unique lifestyles of patients, including the incorporation of gender specific and high-flexion designs and *Prolong(TM)* Highly Crosslinked Polyethylene. In 2007, Zimmer introduced the *Gender Solutions(TM) Natural Knee Flex* system, the first and only knee implant which recognizes the differences in male and female anatomies. The *Zimmer Gender Solutions Natural Knee Flex* system incorporates three unique features which set it apart from other knee implants: a distinctive implant shape, anterior flange design, and patellar tracking. This high-flexion design accommodates activities requiring up to 155 degrees of flexion, while the incorporation of *Prolong* Highly Crosslinked Polyethylene offers the latest in polyethylene wear reduction. *Prolong* Highly Crosslinked Polyethylene minimizes free radicals and provides oxidation and delamination resistance.

"The *Zimmer Natural Knee* system has been improving patient quality of life for a quarter century, adapting to changing technologies and patient needs," said Jeff McCaulley, President, Zimmer

Reconstructive. "During the last year, Zimmer has also celebrated the 25th anniversary of our original *CLS(R) Spotorno(R)* Hip System and the 30th anniversary of our *Alloclassic(R) (Zweymuller(R))* Hip System. The long-term clinical success of these foundational systems speaks to the quality and longevity of Zimmer technologies - a tradition that continues today."

About the Company

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 2009 sales were approximately \$4.1 billion. The Company is supported by the efforts of more than 8,000 employees worldwide.

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