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Zimmer Presents Research Awards Focused on Women's Health Issues

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SAN DIEGO, Feb 15, 2007 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ZMH; SWX: ZMH), a worldwide leader in the orthopaedics industry, announced today that it has presented two $30,000 research awards specifically focused on women's musculoskeletal health issues. The awards were announced at the annual luncheon of The Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society (RJOS), an organization of orthopaedic surgeons dedicated to advancing women's health issues.

The RJOS luncheon is held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS).

The Zimmer Research Award winners, who were selected by a committee of RJOS members, and the titles of their research projects, are:

Lisa Cannada, MD, Southwestern Medical Center (Dallas, TX), "Childbirth After Pelvic Fractures;" and Carla Smith, MD, PhD, The Neuromusculoskeletal Center of the Cascades (Bend, OR), "A Model for Optimizing Diagnosis and Treatment of Osteoporosis in a Community Setting: The Better Bone Health Partnership Project."

"We are pleased to recognize again this year the important work Ruth Jackson Society members are doing to advance the treatment of orthopaedic patients," said Ray Elliott, Zimmer Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Since introducing these research awards last year, Zimmer has increased its already sizable commitment to support advancements in women's musculoskeletal health. Our new Gender Solutions(TM) Knee, the first designed specifically for women, was recently described by 'Health Magazine' as 'one of the biggest breakthroughs in all of women's health.' Our internal development activities are now very much focused on addressing gender differences and our funding for external research into women's issues has substantially increased. We believe this focused collaboration with the profession has great potential for improving patient care."

The Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society is responsible for administering the Zimmer Research Award program. A panel of RJOS members reviews all award proposals and makes funding recommendations.

Earlier in the week, Zimmer sponsored the RJOS Practice Management Symposium, entitled "So You Think You Can Lead: Creating High Performance Teams." The symposium was led by noted author and educator Harvey Robbins, PhD. Further information about the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society can be found on the RJOS website at www.rjos.org.

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