Patient Specific Instrumentation Potentially Expedites European Knee Replacement Procedures

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Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE and SIX: ZMH), a global leader in musculoskeletal care, is showcasing its Zimmer Patient Specific Instruments (PSI) at the 12th annual European Federation of National Associations of Orthopaedics and Traumatology (EFORT) meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Zimmer Patient Specific Instruments utilize MRI technology and pre-operative planning tools to create customized pin guides that are tailored to each patient's unique anatomy. Customized guides for knee replacement surgery support surgeons in performing accurate and safe procedures. Zimmer PSI may be used in minimally-invasive procedures.

"Zimmer Patient Specific Instruments can assist in expediting the total knee replacement procedure for both surgeons and patients," said Jeff McCaulley, President, Zimmer Reconstructive. "This technology has been well received in the United States and we are excited to now make these instruments available to surgeons in Europe."

Zimmer PSI are designed to ensure accurate placement of the knee implant and are compatible with the Zimmer® NexGen® Complete Knee Solution and the Gender Solutions® Natural Knee®® Flex systems. Zimmer PSI streamline the surgical procedure, eliminating several steps in the total knee replacement procedure and potentially increase efficiency in the operating room.

For more information on Zimmer Patient Specific Instruments, visit the Zimmer booth at EFORT or go to http://www.zimmer.com.

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 2010 sales were approximately $4.2 billion. The Company is supported by the efforts of more than 8,000 employees worldwide.

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