

Zimmer Launches PathFinder NXT™ Minimally Invasive Pedicle Screw System

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Intuitive New System Designed to Accommodate Multiple Surgical Approaches and Expedite MIS Spinal Procedures

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 17, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ZMH; SIX: ZMH), a global leader in musculoskeletal care, today announced the launch of the *PathFinder NXT™* System at the 2011 American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) annual meeting in San Diego, CA. The *PathFinder NXT* System builds on the legacy and clinical success of the original *PathFinder* Minimally Invasive Pedicle Screw System to provide an intuitive and flexible system for a range of minimally invasive (MIS) spinal procedures.

The *PathFinder NXT* System is an MIS pedicle screw system that facilitates both mini-open and percutaneous approaches. The system enables enhanced reduction, compression, distraction and bone decortications capabilities, and gives surgeons the ability to efficiently complete multi-level constructs.

"The *PathFinder NXT* System provides unprecedented options for our surgeons and their patients," said Steve Healy, President, Zimmer Spine. "The system's innovative instrumentation and streamlined surgical technique facilitate easier procedures. Early clinical feedback in over 150 cases has been excellent and we expect *PathFinder NXT* System to become a key component of our portfolio."

MIS approaches are among the fastest growing procedural solutions for patients requiring spinal fusions. Each year, more than 40,000 patients undergo MIS spine surgery. MIS surgery utilizes small incisions, minimizing blood loss and potentially expediting the surgical procedure and rehabilitation. The innovative *PathFinder NXT* System supports a range of MIS spinal approaches, enabling surgeons the flexibility to treat the unique needs of each patient.

To learn more about the *PathFinder NXT* System, visit the Zimmer exhibit at the 2011 AAOS annual meeting.

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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