Zimmer Presents Trabecular Metal Technology Experience at AAOS Annual Meeting

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WARSAW, Ind., Feb 25, 2009 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ZMH; SWX: ZMH), a leader in the orthopaedic industry, today announced that an interactive Trabecular Metal(TM) Technology experience will be among the highlights of the Company's presence at the 76th annual American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) meeting in Las Vegas. During AAOS 2009, Zimmer will showcase a number of new product launches that span the Company's portfolio, and The Zimmer Institute will host presentations at an on-site education theater.

"We've always considered the Academy meeting to be a great place to showcase our products and technologies, and an unmatched forum for interacting with surgeons and researchers from around the world," said David Dvorak, President and CEO of Zimmer Holdings. "This year we're particularly excited to present an interactive environment for surgeons to explore our Trabecular Metal technology, as well as a series of presentations in our on-site Zimmer Institute theater."

Highlights of Zimmer's activities at the AAOS meeting include:

-- The Trabecular Metal Technology experience on the second floor of the Zimmer exhibit will provide guests with an interactive environment to explore the structure, function and physiology of the only tantalum-engineered porous implant material. Exclusive to Zimmer, Trabecular Metal Technology is supported by more than 11 years of clinical experience. The material replicates the structure of cancellous bone more closely than other implant materials and is conducive to more normal bone formation and bone in-growth.

-- The Zimmer Institute will be hosting an on-site theater and sawbones laboratory sessions featuring presentations on a number of Zimmer products, including the Zimmer(R) Gender Solutions(TM) Patello-Femoral Joint System; the M/L Taper Hip Stem with Kinectiv(R) Technology; the NexGen(R) LPS-Flex and LPS-Mobile Bearing Knee; and the Zimmer(R)

Natural Nail system.

-- A variety of new product launches that span Zimmer's product portfolio will be displayed, including DeNovo(R) NT Natural Tissue Graft for the treatment of focal cartilage defects in a variety of anatomic locations; the Zimmer Natural Nail system, which features anatomic-shaped implants designed to match the normal anatomy of long bones and achieve excellent fixation; the Zimmer(R) Periarticular Elbow Locking Plate System, which offers anatomically contoured plates, optimized screw positions and options to address most fracture types; and the exciting new Trabecular Metal Glenoid, the only glenoid component with Zimmer's exclusive porous technology for biological fixation.

"We're bullish about our industry and are confident surgeons will continue to embrace Zimmer's unique technology platforms," said Mr. Dvorak. "Zimmer remains focused on designing best-in-class products for surgeons to address patient needs. We're sure the products on display at AAOS will play a key role in enabling positive clinical outcomes in the future."

At the AAOS meeting, Zimmer will occupy exhibit 4228 from Wednesday, February 25 through Friday, February 28. The Zimmer Institute on-site theater will also host presentations during those days.

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 2008 sales were approximately $4.1 billion. The Company is supported by the efforts of approximately 8,500 employees worldwide.

For more information about Zimmer, visit www.zimmer.com

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