Zimmer Holdings Issues Clarification Regarding NexGen Knee System

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WARSAW, Ind., July 14, 2008 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ZMH; SWX: ZMH) statement:

A news story earlier this morning incorrectly stated that Zimmer's NexGen(R) knee implant had been recalled. In fact, the recall notification cited refers only to a surgical instrument used for minimally invasive surgeries (MIS) and not the implant system itself. The Company says that the recall is isolated to a single surgical instrument and that additional instrumentation options are available. The Company does not expect this instrument recall will have a material impact on sales.

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