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Zimmer Announces Preliminary Interim Results of the Exchange Offers for Centerpulse and InCentive Capital

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Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ZMH) announced today the preliminary interim results of Zimst Boston and Mellon Investor Services LLC (as the Swiss offer manager and the U.S. exchange agent, respectively, for Zimmer's Centerpulse offer), as of the expiration of the initial offering period, 7,489,650 Centerpulse registered shares and 6,712,776 Centerpulse American depositary shares ("ADSs"), including Centerpulse ADSs subject to guaranteed delivery, were tendered and not withdrawn. Based on information provided today by Centerpulse, the foregoing shares and ADSs represent approximately 67.0% of the outstanding Centerpulse registered shares (including shares represented by Centerpulse ADSs) on a fully diluted basis. As a result, we believe that the minimum condition for Zimmer's Centerpulse offer will be satisfied regardless of whether Zimmer's offer for InCentive is successful.

Based on preliminary information provided by Credit Suisse First Boston (as the Swiss offer manager for Zimmer's InCentive Capital offer), as of the expiration of the initial offering period, 2,123,647 bearer shares of InCentive Capital were tendered and not withdrawn. The foregoing shares represent approximately 98.9% of the outstanding bearer shares of InCentive Capital. As a result, we believe that the condition relating to the minimum tender requirement for Zimmer's InCentive offer will be satisfied.

Zimmer will announce the definitive interim results of the Centerpulse offer and the InCentive Capital offer on September 2, 2003 in accordance with Swiss law.

Safe Harbor Statement

This press release contains forward-looking statements based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about the orthopaedics industry, management's beliefs and assumptions made by management. Forward- looking statements may be identified by the use of forward-looking

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This press release is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell any securities. Any exchange offer will be made only through a registration statement and related materials. Zimmer and its directors, officers and other members of its management and employees also may be soliciting proxies from Zimmer stockholders in connection with the exchange offers for shares of Centerpulse and InCentive Capital. Investors and security holders should note that the exchange offers described in this press release have not been agreed to by Centerpulse or InCentive Capital and are subject to certain conditions. In connection with the exchange offers, Zimmer has filed registration statements on Form S-4 (each containing a prospectus/offer to purchase) and a proxy statement on Schedule 14A with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and submitted Swiss offer prospectuses to the Swiss Takeover Board. Investors and security holders of Centerpulse, InCentive Capital and Zimmer are advised to read these disclosure materials (including other disclosure materials when they become available), because these materials contain important information. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the disclosure materials and other documents filed by Zimmer with the U.S.

Securities and Exchange Commission at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov . The disclosure materials and other documents of Zimmer may also be obtained from Zimmer upon request by directing such request to Sam Leno, Senior Vice President and CFO, 574-372-4790.

About Zimmer Holdings, Inc.

Zimmer, based in Warsaw, Indiana, is a worldwide leader in the design, development, manufacture and marketing of reconstructive orthopaedic implants and trauma products. Orthopaedic reconstruction implants restore joint function lost due to disease or trauma in joints such as knees, hips, shoulders and elbows. Trauma products are devices used primarily to reattach or stabilize damaged bone and tissue to support the body's natural healing process. Zimmer manufactures and markets other products related to orthopaedic surgery. For the year 2002, the Company recorded worldwide revenues of $1.37 billion. Zimmer was founded in 1927 and has more than 3,600 employees worldwide.

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