Zimmer Holdings, Inc. Names Arthur J. Higgins to Board of Directors

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WARSAW, Ind., Feb 13, 2007 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ZMH; SWX: ZMH), a leader in the orthopaedics industry, announced today that Arthur J. Higgins, Chairman of the Board of Management of Bayer HealthCare AG, has been elected to the Company's Board of Directors. Bayer HealthCare AG, with 2005 sales of EUR 9.4 billion, is a subsidiary of Bayer AG, a German company engaged in health care and crop and material science with 2005 sales of EUR 27.4 billion.

Mr. Higgins joined Bayer in 2004 as Chairman of the Bayer HealthCare Executive Committee and in 2006 was named Chairman of the Board of Management of Bayer HealthCare. Mr. Higgins has played a key role in the transformation of Bayer HealthCare through a combination of strong organic growth and key acquisitions. The most recent acquisition of Schering AG will create a healthcare group with pro-forma revenues of approximately $18 billion.

Prior to joining Bayer, he had served as Chairman and CEO of Enzon Pharmaceuticals in Bridgewater, New Jersey, and as Chairman of the Biotechnology Council of New Jersey. He served in a variety of roles over a 14-year period at Abbott Laboratories, including President of the Pharmaceutical Division, with responsibilities for U.S. sales and global research and development. He also served in key roles in the Pharmaceutical and Diagnostics divisions in markets around the world.

"We are delighted that Art Higgins, with his global leadership experience and his exposure to a wide variety of health care markets, has agreed to join our Board of Directors," said John McGoldrick, Chairman of the Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors. "In addition to his operational skills, we believe Art's perspective as a strategist and a leader of significant R&D functions will be of tremendous value as we consider further acquisitions."

Effective March 30, 2007, Mr. Higgins will be appointed to the Audit Committee, the Corporate Governance Committee and the Compensation and Management Development Committee of the Board of Directors.

A native of Scotland, Mr. Higgins holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry from Strathclyde University (Glasgow, Scotland). He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), a member of the Council of the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA), and Vice President of the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA).

About the Company

Founded in 1927 and headquartered in Warsaw, Indiana, Zimmer is the worldwide #1 pure-play orthopaedic leader in designing, developing, manufacturing and marketing reconstructive and spinal implants, trauma and related orthopaedic surgical products. Zimmer has operations in more than 24 countries around the world and sells products in more than 100 countries. Zimmer's 2006 sales were approximately $3.5 billion. The Company is supported by the efforts of nearly 7,000 employees worldwide.

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