Zimmer to Profile Enhanced SmartTool Solutions at 2007 AAOS Meeting

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SAN DIEGO, Feb 14, 2007 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ZMH; SWX), a leader in the orthopaedics industry, said it will profile several technology enhancements in its Computer Assisted Solutions (CAS) product portfolio during the 74th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons here this week. Among these enhancements are expanded applications for its Zimmer(R) BRIGIT(TM) Bone Resection Instrument Guide and for the iNAV(TM) Portable Electromagnetic Navigation System*. The Company will also introduce its new disposable Zimmer(R) ICE Cube(TM) Instruments for increased precision and ease-of-use in surgery.

"At Zimmer, CAS technologies are not machines intended to replace surgeons; they are value-added SmartTools designed to assist surgeons in improving their clinical results," said Ray Elliott, Zimmer Chairman, President and CEO. "At the same time we believe these technologies can also help to lower overall health care costs through improved operating room efficiencies, such as potentially reducing by millions of dollars the cost of instruments needed for procedures and speeding the transition between steps in a surgical procedure."

BRIGIT provides the surgeon with the ability to accurately position instruments based upon patient-specific, pre-operative plans established through a software interface. The surgeon then makes surgical cuts at precise angles required for the patient's specific anatomy while the positioning arm assists the surgeon in maintaining the desired position. Based upon internal estimates only, BRIGIT may potentially have a payback of less than one year in hospitals doing 1,000 total knee procedures or more per year. Reduced surgery time may create productivity gains of up to 100 more cases a year.

During the AAOS meeting Zimmer will demonstrate the BRIGIT system with the NexGen(R) Complete Knee Solution and the new Zimmer(R) Gender Solutions(TM) Knee.

The iNAV system's portability and cost effectiveness through a fee-per-use program make navigation affordable for community hospitals and other institutions that may not be otherwise able to absorb the capital cost of traditional navigation systems. The iNAV system now offers Electromagnetic Navigation for the Zimmer Natural Knee(R) II System.

Disposable ICE Cube Instruments enable a surgeon to use a new instrument for every navigated knee surgery through an innovative single use, modestly priced, sterile packaged design.

Worldwide clinical use and internal estimates have shown that the ICE Cubes may improve comparable surgical Operating Room cycle time by as much as 10 percent through reduced instrument setup time, streamlined workflow efficiency during surgery and reduced processing time.

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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*iNAV(TM) Portable Electromagnetic Navigation System is a trademark of Medtronic, Inc.

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