Zimmer Holdings Receives FDA Approval to Market Mobile Bearing Knee

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WARSAW, Ind., Dec 11, 2007 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ZMH; SWX: ZMH), a leader in the orthopaedics industry, announced today that its Premarket Approval (PMA) application for the Zimmer(R) NexGen(R) LPS-Flex Mobile Knee has been granted by the Food and Drug Administration.

"A number of orthopaedic surgeons prefer mobile bearing designs and we are pleased to be one of only two companies that can offer this treatment option in the U.S.," said Sheryl Conley, Zimmer Chief Marketing Officer. "Since its launch in Europe in 1999, this product has been well received in Australia and Japan, as well as in Europe. We look forward to being able to provide the mobile bearing option to surgeons here in the United States where the majority of the world's knee replacement procedures are performed."

Zimmer says that a key strength of its mobile bearing system is its ability to be used in a minimally invasive procedure -- the LPS-Flex Mobile Knee is compatible with the Company's industry leading Minimally Invasive Solutions(TM) (MIS(TM)) Systems and Technologies knee replacement instrumentation.

The main difference between a traditional knee replacement design and a mobile bearing knee is that the polyethylene articulating surface is free to rotate slightly along with the patient's natural movement. When used with the LPS-Flex femoral component, the knee replacement is designed to safely accommodate active deep flexion of up to 155 degrees for patients who are otherwise capable of that level of flexion. Many activities of daily living require this range of motion, such as climbing stairs (75-140 degrees), sitting in a chair and standing up again (90-130 degrees), and squatting (130-150 degrees). Generally, knee implants were designed to accommodate flexion of only 120 degrees.

Zimmer is the world leader in knee replacement product sales. The NexGen(R) Complete Knee Solution, its flagship brand, includes a wide range of designs to accommodate various surgical philosophies and patient requirements.

The Company says that it expects to begin the limited release of the LPS-Flex Mobile knee in January and expects general availability in the U.S. in mid-2008.

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 more than 7,000 employees worldwide.

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