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Zimmer Holdings to Launch Innovative Locking Plate System at Orthopaedic Trauma Association Meeting

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WARSAW, Ind., Sept 14, 2006 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ZMH; SWX: ZMH), a leader in the orthopaedics industry, announced today it will launch its Universal Locking System at the upcoming Orthopaedic Trauma Association meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. The new technology is designed to improve treatment of high energy fractures and fractures in osteoporotic patients.

"The new Zimmer Trauma Division is focused on identifying and bringing to market unique technologies that distinguish our offering in the marketplace," said Ray Elliott, Zimmer Chairman, President and CEO. "This innovative locking design provides that differentiation and complements our successful Zimmer(R) Periarticular Locking Plate products. The technology, because of its ability to address osteoporotic patients, also supports our efforts to address women's health issues."

Because of the system's proprietary hole design, a surgeon can utilize the plates as compression plates, locked internal fixators or as an internal fixation system combining both techniques. The plate design will accept locking screws and most manufacturers' standard cortical (3.5mm) or cancellous screws (4.0mm) in any plate hole. With a slightly different philosophy of use and modified surgical techniques, these plates provide more fixation options and, often, better fixation in many difficult fractures.

"This locking technology can provide excellent fixation in otherwise healthy bone, but a key advantage of the design is that it can address patients whose bone quality has been compromised," said Elliott. "At Zimmer, we have a very active program underway to research and address requirements related to the patient's gender. This design can address both genders, but because osteoarthritis and osteoporosis affect women to a greater degree than men, we believe it will be especially useful in addressing women patients."

Zimmer has begun its U.S. roll-out and will follow with worldwide distribution expected to be completed later this year. The Universal Locking Plate technology was developed by Swiss Orthopaedic

Solutions (SOS), a privately held Pennsylvania company. Zimmer acquired distribution rights to the technology in 2004.

Zimmer Trauma offers a comprehensive portfolio of trauma solutions and treatment options designed to address complex surgical issues. In addition to featuring the Universal Locking System at the annual Orthopaedic Trauma Association meeting, the Zimmer exhibit is designed to showcase additional premier product offerings such as Zimmer(R) Periarticular Locking & Non- Locking Plates, NCB(R) Plating System, MIS(TM) Femoral Nailing Solutions, TransFx(TM) External Fixation System, Trabecular Metal(TM) Osteonecrosis Intervention Implant, and Copios(TM) Bone Void Filler.

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 2005 sales were approximately $3.3 billion. The Company is supported by the efforts of more than 6,700 employees worldwide.

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