

Zimmer Continuum® Acetabular System Becomes Zimmer's Best Selling Hip Construct

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Innovative Hip System on Display at the 2011 AAOS Annual Meeting

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 16, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ZMH; SIX: ZMH), a leader in musculoskeletal care, today announced that its *Continuum*® Acetabular System recently became the Company's best-selling hip construct. Introduced in late 2009, the *Continuum* Acetabular System provides surgeons with options to choose the bearing technology that best meets the unique needs of each patient.

The *Continuum* System leverages the clinical success of a number of Zimmer's technologies. *Continuum* Shells are made with Zimmer's proprietary *Trabecular Metal*™ Technology, a porous metal biomaterial with a three dimensional structure and mechanical characteristics similar to those of cancellous bone. The outstanding performance of *Trabecular Metal* Material is supported by over thirteen years of clinical history and more than 100 peer reviewed publications. The *Continuum* System's alternative bearing options incorporate Zimmer's *Metasul*® Metal-on-Metal Articulation technology, supported by more than twenty years of clinical experience, *Longevity*® Highly Crosslinked Polyethylene, which is highly resistant to wear and aging and is supported by more than ten years of clinical experience, and *BIOLOX*® delta Ceramic Technology (*BIOLOX*® delta Ceramic is a trademark of CeramTec AG), which exhibits low wear and high fracture resistance.

"The *Continuum* System draws upon the clinical success of a number of our leading technology platforms," said Jeff McCaulley, President, Zimmer Reconstructive. "With a range of sizes and bearing configurations, surgeons are able to customize the system to meet the unique needs of their patients. We are excited by the progress this system has made in the last year and expect the *Continuum* System to become a keystone offering in our Hip business."

Zimmer will showcase the *Continuum* Acetabular System in its exhibit at the 2011 American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) annual meeting. To learn more, visit www.zimmer.com.

About the Company

Founded in 1927 and headquartered in Warsaw, Indiana, Zimmer designs, develops, manufactures and markets orthopaedic reconstructive, spinal and trauma devices, dental implants, and related surgical products. Zimmer has operations in more than 25 countries around the world and sells products in more than 100 countries. Zimmer's 2010 sales were approximately \$4.2 billion. The Company is supported by the efforts of more than 8,000 employees worldwide.

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