

Zimmer Announces Acquisition of SoPlus Orthopaedic Surgical Power Tools Company

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Zimmer adds established manufacturing capabilities and a range of SoPlus products to portfolio

WARSAW, Ind., Dec. 22, 2010 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ZMH; SIX: ZMH), a global leader in musculoskeletal care, today announced it has acquired Sodem Diffusion S.A., the manufacturer of SoPlus Orthopaedic Surgical Power Tools based in Geneva, Switzerland. The company will be re-named Zimmer Surgical, S.A. and will be part of Zimmer Surgical, headquartered in Dover, Ohio.

"Adding SoPlus's innovative small and large bone product lines to our portfolio will expand our offerings in the orthopaedic power equipment market," said Mark Dorris, President, Zimmer Surgical.

This acquisition will broaden Zimmer's portfolio of surgical power tools and strengthen the Company's position in the over \$1 billion surgical power tool market. Sodem Diffusion's portfolio includes the commercially available SoPlus Universal large bone system and the SoPlus Ultra small bone system with associated consumables.

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 2009 sales were approximately \$4.1 billion. The Company is supported by the efforts of more than 8,000 employees worldwide.

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