Hanger Orthopedic Group rings New York Stock Exchange Closing Bell

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Commences celebration of 150th anniversary

Austin, Texas, August 10, 2011 – Today, Austin-based Hanger Orthopedic Group, Inc. rang the Closing Bell at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) to kick-off the six-month celebration of its 150th anniversary. Coinciding with the month Hanger's founder James Edward Hanger, the first amputee of the Civil War, began work on his revolutionary prosthetic solution in 1861, the bell ringing commemorates an historic milestone achieved by a select number of American companies.

Representing Hanger on the floor of the NYSE were members of the leadership team including President and CEO Tom Kirk and Chairman of the Board Ivan Sabel as well as Hanger practitioners and amputee patients U.S Army Sergeant (ret.) Juan Arredondo from San Antonio, TX and Joe Tucker from Putnam Valley, NY.

For those who missed the bell ringing, the video can be viewed here:

As part of Hanger's 150th anniversary celebration, Hanger launched www.Hanger150.com, a microsite dedicated to its history and featuring a photo campaign by its employees called "Hanger In 3 Words". Anniversary celebrations will culminate at the Company's Annual Education Fair January 30 – February 3, 2012 in Las Vegas, NV. Available only to Hanger employees, the Annual Education Fair is the foremost educational event in the O&P industry, bringing more than 1,200 clinicians, business staff, and device manufacturers together for a week of learning and team building.

MEDIA NOTE – B-roll footage and high resolution historical photographs (including Mr. Hanger's U.S. patent) are available for viewing and download from an online media library: http://www.hanger.com/MEDIALIBRARY/HANGERHISTORY/Pages/default.aspx.

More about Hanger patient Sgt. Juan Arredondo – On February 28, 2005, Sgt. Arredondo, 2nd Infantry Division, 1/506th Destroyer Company, was driving on patrol in Iraq with two other soldiers when a cell-phone-detonated improvised explosive device blasted through the door of the vehicle. As Arredondo jumped from the driver's seat to take cover, he noticed that his left hand was still grasping the steering wheel. It had been instantly severed in the blast. Today, Arredondo who is now 30-years-old, wears the newest bionic hand available in the world and believes it has positively affected his life and the lives of his wife Jessica, 13-year-old daughter Rose, and 8-year-old son Diego. Arredondo also shares his experiences with other veterans as an employee with the Wounded Warrior Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org), an organization designed to help severely injured service members by raising public awareness, connecting veterans for peer support, and providing programs and services.



Hanger President and CEO Tom Kirk and Chairman of the Board Ivan Sabel with Hanger patients Sergeant (ret.) Juan Arredondo and Joe Tucker on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.



More about Hanger patient Joe Tucker – Soon after the birth of his first child, while living in the Bronx where he was born and raised, a motorcycle accident in June 1995 took Tucker's leg above-the-knee. Since then, this "Average Joe" decided to live a less-than-ordinary life by thriving as a field athlete in the shot, discuss, and javelin on the U.S. Disabled Track & Field Team. Determined not to let his disability define him or others, Tucker also began talking with high school students about discrimination and physical differences. Additionally, he has spent weeks volunteering at a camp for children with limb loss and other disabilities. Now, 42-years-old and a father-of-four, Tucker was one of the first civilians to be fit with a new bionic prosthetic leg called the Genium Bionic Prosthetic System developed in collaboration with the U.S. Military. The Genium is the world's first intuitive knee; it uses motion-sensing technology including an accelerometer and a gyroscope like in Wii video games.

About Hanger – Hanger Orthopedic Group, Inc., headquartered in Austin, Texas, is the world's premier provider for services and products that enhance human physical capability. Hanger provides orthotic and prosthetic patient care services, distributes O&P devices and components and provides therapeutic solutions to the broader post acute market. Hanger is the largest owner and operator of orthotic and prosthetic patient care centers with in excess of 675 O&P patient care centers located in 45 states and the District of Columbia. Hanger, through its subsidiary Southern Prosthetic Supply, Inc, is also the largest distributor of branded and private label O&P devices and components in the United States. Hanger provides therapeutic solutions through its subsidiaries Innovative Neurotronics and Accelerated Care Plus. Innovative Neurotronics introduces emerging neuromuscular technologies developed through independent research in a collaborative effort with industry suppliers worldwide. Accelerated Care Plus is a developer of specialized rehabilitation

technologies and the nation's leading provider of evidence-based clinical programs for post-acute rehabilitation serving more than 4,000 long-term care facilities and other sub-acute rehabilitation providers throughout the U.S. For more information on Hanger, visit www.hanger.com.

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Hanger leadership, practitioners, and patients ringing the Closing Bell at the New York Stock Exchange to kick-off the six-month celebration of Hanger's 150th anniversary.

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