Hanger Orthopedic Group, Inc. Reports Preliminary Damage Report From Hurricane Katrina

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BETHESDA, Md., Aug 31, 2005 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Hanger Orthopedic Group, Inc. (NYSE: HGR) today announced that a preliminary assessment shows that four patient care centers were damaged during the storm and an additional six remain without power. Three of these facilities are located in the New Orleans metropolitan area and one additional facility is located in Gulfport, Mississippi. The revenue contribution from the four damaged facilities was approximately $2.4 million in 2004 and $0.9 million in the first six months of 2005, accounting for less than 0.4% and 0.3% of total net sales, respectively. At this time we are not able to estimate the amount of damage or length of time required to repair the affected locations; however, the patient care centers are insured for both property damage and loss of income and management does not believe this incident will have a material adverse effect on our financial performance.

Hanger Orthopedic Group, Inc., headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland, is the world's premier provider of orthotic and prosthetic patient-care services. Hanger is the market leader in the United States, owning and operating 618 patient-care centers in 45 states including the District of Columbia, with 3,405 employees including 1,017 practitioners. Hanger is organized into four units. The two key operating units are patient-care which consists of nationwide orthotic and prosthetic practice centers and distribution which consists of distribution centers managing the supply chain of orthotic and prosthetic componentry to Hanger and third party patient-care centers. The third is Linkia which is the first and only provider network management company for the orthotics and prosthetics industry. The fourth unit, Innovative Neurotronics, introduces emerging neuromuscular technologies developed through independent research in a collaborative effort with industry suppliers worldwide.

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