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On June 20, 2003, Smith & Nephew released the following.

**Extension of offer periods**

According to today's decision by the Swiss Takeover Board, the offer periods of the competing parallel public tender offers by Smith & Nephew Group plc and Zimmer Holdings, Inc. for Centerpulse Ltd and InCentive Capital Ltd will lapse on 27 August 2003.

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