# **Press Release**



# Dentsply Sirona Acquires Healthdent Technologies – the market leader in guttapercha formulations

Dentsply Sirona, The Dental Solutions Company™, announces the acquisition of gutta-percha material technologies from Healthdent Technologies International. Healthdent – located in Palmdale, CA, USA – is market leader in this dental segment.

York/Salzburg, 26. September 2017. "Healthdent's unique and innovative gutta-percha material technologies are an ideal addition to the Dentsply Sirona Endodontics' portfolio and perfectly complement its range of leading nickel-titanium root canal preparation file systems", says Bill Newell Senior Vice President, Chairside Consumables & Endodontics. "Thanks to Healthdent, we will be able to offer dentists an even more comprehensive end-to-end solution for safer, faster and accurate root canal treatments."

#### Ideal addition in Endodontics

As the world's largest and most diversified manufacturer of professional dental products and technologies, Dentsply Sirona has the goal to offer complete end-to-end solutions to its customers for better, safer and faster dental care. Dentsply Sirona Endodontics has over 120 years of expertise in the field of endodontics. It provides both endodontic specialists and generalists worldwide with products and solutions to best suit their needs in the mutual quest to preserve natural teeth. Products and services are aimed to support the clinician in facilitating predicable outcomes, and more comfortable treatments for the patient with fewer treatment steps. In addition, the company aims to empower dental professionals to resolve even the most demanding cases with the best instruments and materials.

Healthdent and Dentsply Sirona have a long history together, as Healthdent has been supplying Dentsply Sirona with gutta-percha master cones for the ProTaper Gold® and WaveOne Gold® file systems worldwide in addition to ProTaper Next® and TRUshape® file systems in North America. The formulation has been trademarked Conform Fit™.

Healthdent was established in 1996 by Dr. Nathan Li, D.D.S., a worldwide leading expert in the development and manufacturing of guttapercha. With Healthdent Technologies, Dr. Li created a unique, patented gutta-percha formulation that enables high-precision injection molding of gutta-percha master cones which are compatible with the shapes created by multi-tapered file systems. These have consistently accurate dimensions which are considerably more accurate than conventional gutta-percha cones. The formulation also provides a lower melt temperature and ideal flow characteristics that provide better performance of the gutta-percha in warm obturation techniques.

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Dentsply Sirona is the world's largest manufacturer of professional dental products and technologies, with a 130-year history of innovation and service to the dental industry and patients worldwide. Dentsply Sirona develops, manufactures, and markets a comprehensive solutions offering including dental and oral health products as well as other consumable medical devices under a strong portfolio of world class brands. As The Dental Solutions Company, Dentsply Sirona's products provide innovative, high-quality and effective solutions to advance patient care and deliver better, safer and faster dentistry. Dentsply Sirona's global headquarters is located in York, Pennsylvania, and the international headquarters is based in Salzburg, Austria. The company's shares are listed in the United States on NASDAQ under the symbol XRAY. Visit www.dentsplysirona.com for more information about Dentsply Sirona and its products.

Dentsply Sirona will continue to benefit from Dr. Li's proven experience and thought leadership as he will continue to support Dentsply Sirona as a consultant in order to ensure a smooth transition of the business and continued innovation.

"We are delighted with the acquisition of Healthdent", concludes Valerie Baschet, Group Vice-President Global Endodontics. "It reaffirms Dentsply Sirona's commitment to endodontic excellence."

#### **IMAGES**

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Fig. 1: Bill Newell, Senior Vice President, Chairside Consumables & Endodontics: "Healthdent's innovative gutta-percha material technologies are an ideal addition to the Dentsply Sirona Endodontics' portfolio."



Fig. 2: Valerie Baschet, Group Vice-President Global Endodontics: "We are delighted with this acquisition of Healthdent. It reaffirms Dentsply Sirona's commitment to endodontic excellence."



Fig. 3: Healthdent's new Nano based Gutta Percha material has the following clinical characteristics: lower working temperature and greater heat extension.