Industry Report

The New Tetric N Family of Products from Ivoclar Vivadent

Innovative nano-technology for high-quality standard treatment

Tetric N-Ceram—

the new universal composite

Tetric N-Ceram is a further development of the popular Tetric Ceram. Tetric N-Ceram is a universal composite for high-quality standard restorations in the anterior and posterior region. Important properties have been further improved with the help of nanotechnology. These properties include reduced shrinkage, lower wear and enhanced polishability.

Tetric N-Flow—

the new flowable composite

The flowable composite Tetric N-Flow is based on 10 years of tradition and the clinical performance of its predecessor Tetric Flow. It offers excellent handling properties and an exceptionally high level of radiopacity, it is the ideal complement to Tetric N-Ceram. Because of the material’s outstanding wetting ability, it is particularly suitable for use as a cavity liner. At the same time, the material offers the stability required for Class V restorations.

Tetric N-Bond—

the new nano-optimized adhesive

Tetric N-Bond is a light-cur- ing single-component bonding agent for enamel and dentin bonding in conjunction with the total-etch technique. Due to the nanotechnology employed and the acetoine-free formulation, postoperative sensitivities occur less frequently. At the same time, it enables a durable bond to be established between the restorative material and the dental hard tissues. Tetric N-Bond is suitable both for direct and indirect restorative procedures after prior light polymerization.

Kodak to sell health group to Onex

Eastman Kodak Company has entered into an agreement to sell its health group to Onex, a Toronto, Canada-based investment company. Onex Corporation, for as much as $2.55 billion. Excluding the non-dollar sale and within Kodak’s health group say the business will continue to introduce new imaging products for the dental market, and the unit’s fiscal and technological resources will be strengthened by the acquisition.

The new business will be named Carestream Health, Inc., which will have offices in 15 countries and generate annual consolidated revenues of over $1 billion. The company expects to achieve certain returns with respect to its investment. If Onex achieves certain returns with respect to its investment. If Onex Healthcare Investors realize an internal rate of return in excess of 25 percent on their investment, Kodak will receive payment for 25 percent of the excess return—such as $200 million.

Sunstar Announces Recipients of First World Dental Hygienists Awards

Chicago (May 1, 2007) - Sunstar Americas, Inc. in providing advanced oral care products for both professionals and consumers was pleased to announce the win-

ners of the First World Dental Hygienists Awards.

Sponsored by the Sunstar Foundation for Oral Health Promotion, based in Japan, and co-sponsored by Sunstar Americas, Inc., the new awards were created to recognize and encourage dental hygienists and students of dental hygiene. The awards were a great contribution to the promotion of dental hygiene or volunteer work.

The award recipients are as follows:

• Research Category: “Risk for periodontal disease: an exploratory study of gingival inflammation.” Birgitta Soder and Maia Yakob from the Karolinska Institutet, Sweden.

• Student Category: “Dental hygiene住宅 care in a 3-year dental hygiene education pro- gramme in Japan.” Tomomi Nishimura, Chigusa Takahashi, and Eri Takahashi from the Myuji Ad- vanced Dental Hygienist Col- lege, Japan.

The World Dental Hygienists Awards are granted and selected by a screening committee, and will be conducted every three years. A commemorative trophy will be presented to the winner, as well as a cash prize, will be distributed as follows: Research Category, $2,000, Student Category, $2,000.

The award ceremony will take place at the IHDH (International Federation of Dental Hygienists) Symposium on Thursday, July 19th, at the Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto, Canada.

About Sunstar

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The company continues its global partnership with dentistry to develop a better understanding of the relationship between oral health, general health, and qual- ity of life. Sunstar’s well-known Butler® brand of professional dental products and GUM® brand of patient oral hygiene products have been two of the dental profession’s most trusted and recommended brands for over 80 years. Butler® and GUM® prod- ucts are designed in consultation with dental professionals and are manufactured to the highest quality standards, assuring prod- ucts of excellence and patient satis- faction.

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