Biolase Wins Motion to Dismiss Lawsuit

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Biolase Technology Inc. has announced that the United States District Court for the Central District of California has dismissed without prejudice all claims against the company and its officers and directors in the consolidated shareholder class action lawsuits filed starting in August 2004. The suits alleged that Biolase failed to disclose material information, made false statements and took actions to artificially inflate and maintain the market price of the company’s common stock during the class period of October 29, 2003 to July 16, 2004. Biolase’s motion to dismiss the second amended consolidated class action complaint was granted and the action was dismissed. The court gave the plaintiffs 30 days to amend their complaint.

FDA Approves Sirona’s SIROLaser™ in the USA

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The German-American dental equipment manufacturer Sirona Dental Systems has announced to have received the 510k approval of the US Food and Drug Administration to sell its SIROLaser in the USA. The new SIROLaser diode laser LLC caters to a broad spectrum of applications in endodontics, periodontics and oral surgery. It can be placed directly on the dentist element, operates at a wavelength of 980 nanometers and has a power output ranging from 0.3 to 7 watts.

Sirona’s worldwide headquarters is located in Bensheim, Germany, with U.S. headquarters in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Pulpdent Founder Dies

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Pulpdent founder Harold Berk has died at the age of 88. Dr. Berk was a pioneer in the use of calcium hydroxide for vital pulp therapy and root canal therapy. He developed Pulpdent Paste, the first premixed calcium hydroxide methylcellulose pulpal dressing. His pulp studies at the U.S. National Institutes of Health in the 1950s led to techniques for pulp capping. Berk founded Rower Dental Manufacturing Company, now known as Pulpdent Corporation, in 1947. The company is now owned and managed by his three sons.