The New Tetric N Family of Products from Ivoclar Vivadent

With the Tetric N family of products, Ivoclar Vivadent is introducing a nano-optimized restoration system for high-quality standard restorations. 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.

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Fig. 1: Nano-optimized technology for the Tetric N family of products.

Kodak to sell health group to Onex

Eastman Kodak Company has entered into an agreement to sell its health group to Onex Corporation, a subsidiary of Onex Corporation, for as much as $2.55 billion. Executive Chairman of Kodak's health group says 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 Dental, Ortho and Softcare Inc., Onex announced Jan. 30. The health group, which had been expected to close in the first half of 2007, is subject to receipt of regulatory approvals.

"This is a great opportunity to acquire and grow a business that has established an impressive record in delivering innovative fixed-cost delivery solutions to customers around the world. Our managed service business is growing rapidly and we intend to strengthen our position in the market," said savings. Kodak's health group has an exceptionally strong management team and we share this team's vision for the future. We recognize that growth is critical and that digital technology is the future, and we believe strongly that customers and employees must continue to be a top priority."

In an exclusive interview with Dental Tribune (Endo Tribune's sister publication), Le Blanc and Kevin Hobert, president of Kodak's health group, say that as a division of Onex, the business will continue to emphasize R&D and new product development.

"The dental market is a great one for us," Hobert says. "We're one of the largest imaging companies in the world. That's where we intend to position our strength in the market.

"Dental health care operations include emergency care facilities and digital imaging clinics. The business being acquired by Onex has around 8,100 employees and yearly revenue of around $2.54 billion. It is expected to generate one of the highest growth rates in the future."

Kodak says that because of tax-loss carry forwards, it will retain most of the initial $2.55 billion. Kodak's health group is expected to use the money to fully repay its secured term debt of roughly $20 billion ($17 billion) in the July to September period as digital profits climbed past $100 million. Kodak's global workforce has fallen below 50,000. It peaked at 145,300 in 1988.

Sunstar Announces Recipients of First World Dental Hygienists Awards

Chicago (May 1, 2007) - Sunstar Americas has announced two new products for dental hygiene training and education in the U.S. with the introduction 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 will make significant contributions to the promotion of dental health, general health, and quality of life. Sunstar’s well-known Butter* 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. Butter* GUM products are designed in consultation with dental professionals and are manufactured to the highest quality standards, assuring products excellence and patient satisfaction.

For more information on new products, special offers, or to sign up for Sunstar’s quarterly newsletter, please visit www.SunstarAmericas.com.

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The Nano-optimized Technology

The new flowable composite

Tetric N-Flow

The flowable nanocomposite Tetric N-Flow is based on 10 years of tradition and the clinical performance of its predecessor Tetric Flow. As 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-curing single-component bonding agent for enamel and dentin bonding in conjunction with the total-etch technique. Due to the nanotechnology employed and the acetic-free formulation, postoperative sensitivity is less frequent. 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.

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The award recipients are as follows:

- Research Category: $5,000; Project Category: $3,000; Student Category: $2,000.

The awards will be presented on June 9, 2007, as part of the 7th International Federation of Dental Hygienists Symposium in Toronto, Canada. The award ceremony will take place at the IFDH (International Federation of Dental Hygienists) Symposium on Thursday, July 19th, at the Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto, Canada.

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