Global implant manufacturer Straumann and CAD/CAM software provider 3Shape have been working together to integrate Straumann CARES libraries into 3Shape’s software. Recently, the new software function was made available to 3Shape software users, enabling them to design and order customised zirconia or titanium abutments with Straumann original implant connections.

Using the new software capabilities, dental technicians who use the 3Shape Dental System software can design abutments and a range of customised prosthetics, including cobalt-chromium alloy, zirconium dioxide, and various full contour materials. These can be ordered with an original Straumann connection.

"Many laboratories are steadfast users of both the 3Shape Dental System and Straumann abutments. Now, they can design highly aesthetic and functional customised abutments and send them directly for manufacturing at Straumann—thereby introducing a wider range of choices for dentists and their patients," explained Flemming Thorup, President and CEO of 3Shape.

"In addition, 3Shape customers are now able to connect with Straumann dentists and, thus expand their business opportunities," Frank Hemm, Executive Vice-President of Customer Solutions and Education at Straumann, added.

3Shape users who wish to benefit from this opportunity may contact Straumann for information on obtaining the libraries. However, availability will depend on the specific system configurations, the companies stated.