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Kodak to sell health group to Onex

by John Hoffman, Dental Tribune

Eastman Kodak Company has entered into an agreement to sell its health group to Onex HealthCare Holdings Inc., a subsidiary of Onex Corporation, for as much as $2.55 billion. Executive chairman Louise Gersteneckler said that 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 Genix, and Louise Gersteneckler, who is 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 solutions to customers around the world,” said managing director of Onex, in a release. “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, and the ability to continue to strengthen our position in the market.”

Onex, based in Toronto, has annual consolidated revenues of roughly C$20 billion ($17 billion) and consolidated assets around C$20 billion. It has global businesses in health care, service, manufacturing and technology industries. The company’s health care operations include emergency care facilities and diagnostic imaging clinics.

The business being acquired by Onex has around 8,100 employees and yearly revenue of nearly $1.5 billion. It is expected that Kodak employees will remain in their current positions.

The multi-billion-dollar sale, announced Jan. 30, is part of Kodak’s plan to refocus on imaging technology for industrial and scientific applications.

Kodak says that because of tax-loss carry forwards, it will retain most of the initial $2.35 billion in after-tax proceeds. It will use the money to fully repay its secured term debt of roughly $1.1 billion in the July-to-September period as digital profits climbed post-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 Inc., in providing advanced oral care products for both professionals and consumers, is pleased to announce the winners 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 who made a great contribution to the community of dentistry, their profession or to the public in general.

Award winners were chosen from papers submitted to a collaboration of the health the International Journal of Dental Hygiene. Submissions were divided into three award categories: research paper on dentistry, report of activities that contribute in the promotion of oral health, and activity report or essay written by dental hygiene students on dental hygiene or volunteer work.

The award recipients are as follows:

• Research Category: “Risk for development of oral cancer in women with high amount of dental plaque and severe gingival inflammation.” Birgitta Soder and Mahla Yakob from the Karolinska Institute, Sweden.

• Project Category: “The experience of a Canadian dental hygienist in the Dominican Republic.” Elina Katafman from Toronto, Canada reports on the activities carried out by “Sonrisas” to promote oral health.

• Student Category: “Dental hygiene residential care in a 3-year dental hygiene education program in Japan.” Towards dysphagia management based on the dental hygiene process of care.” Tomomi Nishimura, Chisugba Takahashi, and Eri Takahashi from the Miyagi Advanced Dental Hygienists College, 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 awarded to each recipient, as well as a cash prize, will be distributed as follows: Research Category: $5,000; Project Category: $3,000; Student Category: $2,000.

The award ceremony will take place at the IFDH Symposium on Thursday, July 19th, at the Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto, Canada.

About Sunstar

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