Sterngold assumes the U.S. operations of Cendres+Métaux

Sterngold recently signed an agreement in which it assumed the U.S. operations of Cendres+Métaux. Sterngold has had a long-standing relationship with Cendres+Métaux offering selected products, and Sterngold is now pleased to offer Cendres+Métaux’s complete line of alloys, attachments and consumables within the United States.

Cendres+Métaux manufactures bars and retentive elements for fixed and removable restorations. It also produces the innovative SFI-Bar®, the Dalbo® and the Dolder® bar systems, and it offers a wide range of premium noble-metal alloys for casting and ceramic veneering.

This partnership unites two dedicated, experienced and well-respected companies in the dental industry, and both have been synonymous with quality and innovation, according to the company. “We are very excited about this U.S. partnership with Cendres+Métaux,” said Gordon Craig, vice president and general manager of Sterngold Dental. “Our organizations share the commitment to providing customers with high-quality products combined with excellent customer service, and this union will strengthen those core initiatives.” Starting now, customers can contact Sterngold directly for ordering and product information needs. For more information, contact Sterngold’s customer service department at (800) 243-9942.

About Sterngold Dental
Founded in 1897, Sterngold Dental, LLC, is a world leader in dental products and specializes in alloys, attachments, implants and restorative systems. Examples are the Stern ERA family of resilient dental attachments and the Natural Profile Abutment System for esthetic restoration of implants. For more information, visit www.sterngold.com.

About Cendres+Métaux
Cendres+Métaux roots date back to 1885 when Louis Aufranc founded a small precious metal smelter in Biel/Bienne (Switzerland) for the purpose of processing precious metal melting stock. Today, the Cendres+Métaux Group operates on a global scale and has more than 450 employees. For more information, visit www.cmsa.ch.

PhotoMed G12 offers quality, simplicity

Built-in color monitor, built-in flash and custom close-up lighting makes dental images a snap

The PhotoMed G12 Digital Dental Camera is specifically designed to allow you to take all of the standard clinical views with “frame and focus” simplicity. The built-in color monitor allows you to precisely frame your subject. Then focus and shoot. It’s that easy. Proper exposure and balanced even lighting are assured. By using the camera’s built-in flash, the amount of light necessary for a proper exposure is guaranteed, and PhotoMed’s custom close-up lighting attachment redirects the light from the camera’s flash to create a balanced, even lighting across the field. For more information, please visit www.photomed.net or call (800) 998-7765.
DENTSPLY Implants is the union of two successful and innovative dental implant businesses: DENTSPLY Friadent and Astra Tech Dental.

DENTSPLY Implants offers a comprehensive line of implants, including ANKYLOS®, Astra Tech Implant System™ and XIVE®, digital technologies such as ATLANTIS™ patient-specific abutments, regenerative bone products and professional development programs.

We are dedicated to continuing the tradition of DENTSPLY International, the world leader in dentistry with 110 years of industry experience, by providing high quality and groundbreaking oral healthcare solutions that create value for dental professionals, and allows for predictable and lasting implant treatment outcomes, resulting in enhanced quality of life for patients.

We invite you to join us on our journey to redefine implant dentistry. For more information, visit www.dentsplyimplants.com.
ZEST Anchors introduces a new narrow-diameter implant system featuring overdenture attachment

Until now, choosing a narrow-diameter implant could often mean a sacrifice in attachment performance and, ultimately, patient satisfaction.

ZEST Anchors responds to that need by introducing the LOCATOR® Overdenture Implant System (LODI), featuring a new narrow-diameter implant combined with the world-leading LOCATOR Attachment, providing clinicians with solutions to the attachment limitations often found with O-ball mini implants.

The ZEST Anchors LOCATOR Overdenture Implant System features critical elements that optimize patient satisfaction, the company says. The LOCATOR Attachment is seated after the implant is placed, making case planning, implant surgery and restoration easier. In addition, its unique two-piece design allows for attachment replacement should wear occur throughout time.

LODI is available in narrow diameters of 2.4 and 2.9 mm and is ideal for those patients with very narrow ridges who refuse the additional appointments and the cost often associated with grafting procedures. Made from the strongest titanium available, LODI features a proven RMB surface and is designed to provide primary stability when immediate loading is indicated, the company says.

LODI is packaged with the LOCATOR Attachment so it incorporates all of LOCATOR’s sought-after features including its patented pivoting technology and customizable levels of retention, all while maintaining a dramatically reduced vertical height as compared to O-ball mini implant designs.

“The LOCATOR Overdenture Implant System is the result of a collection of inputs from market demands and clinicians expressing their needs,” said Steve Schiess, CEO of ZEST Anchors. “To the many clinicians who asked us why a trusted leader in overdenture attachments that has a proven, 40-year track record of continuous innovation doesn’t make a narrow diameter implant for overdentures, I can finally say here is LODI.”

For more information about the LOCATOR Overdenture Implant System from ZEST Anchors, call (855) 868-LODI (5634) or visit the new website at www.zestanchors.com.

DENTSPLY Implants and 3Shape jointly release new lab-based scanning solution

3Shape, a technology leader in 3-D scanning and CAD/CAM software for dental applications, and DENTSPLY Implants, a market leader in the field of implant dentistry and CAD/CAM abutments, have announced the joint release of a new software interface solution linking 3Shape 3-D dental scanners and ATLANTIS™ VAD™ (Virtual Abutment Design) software.

With a single click, 3Shape scanner users in the many dental labs all over the world can now transfer digital scan information, containing the patient’s oral geometry with implant positions, straightaway into DENTSPLY Implant’s ATLANTIS design and manufacturing facilities. For labs working with ATLANTIS abutment design services, this direct new connectivity reduces costs, eliminates the shipping of physical models and reduces turnaround time.

The solution gives users additional choices when providing customized abutments for their customers. It is available as an option for all users with 3Shape’s powerful Abutment Designer module — an add-on to 3Shape’s user-acclaimed Dental System™.

For customers without the Abutment Designer module, 3Shape has recently announced the coming release of CAD Points — a new and flexible service that allows 3Shape users to access scanning and designing modules, such as Abutment Designer on a pay-per-case basis.

“3Shape is always seeking new ways to provide maximum flexibility and a wide range of options to dental labs who are using 3Shape scanners and software,” said 3Shape President and CEO Flemming Thorup. “We are very happy that this collaboration between DENTSPLY Implants and 3Shape makes it possible for many laboratories to benefit from the unique strengths of our respective products and companies.”

Users who wish to benefit from this opportunity should contact their 3Shape reselling partner for explicit information about availability of the interface for their system.

About 3Shape A/S

3Shape A/S is a Danish company specializing in the development and marketing of 3-D scanners and CAD/CAM software solutions designed for the creation, processing, analysis and management of high-quality 3-D data for application in complex manufacturing processes.

3Shape envisions the age of the “full digital dental lab,” and its more than 150 developers provide innovation power toward reaching this goal. 3Shape’s flexible solutions empower dental professionals through automation of real workflows, and its systems are applied in thousands of labs in more than 90 countries worldwide, putting 3Shape technologies at the peak of the market in relation to units produced per day by dental technicians.

3Shape boosts its first-line distributor support network with a second-line support force of more than 30 in-house experts placed in five support and service centers strategically placed around the globe.

3Shape is a privately held company headquartered in Copenhagen, with the market’s largest team dedicated to scanner and software development for the dental segment based in Denmark and Ukraine, production facilities in Poland and business development and support offices in New Jersey and Asia. For more information regarding 3Shape, visit www.3shapedental.com.
Glidewell Laboratories announces the Open Platform Inclusive Tooth Replacement Solution

Glidewell Laboratories, an industry-leading provider of digital dental laboratory products and services, announced recently the expansion of the Inclusive® Tooth Replacement Solution to accommodate a number of popular implant systems including DENTSPLY Implants, BIOMET 3i, Nobel Biocare, Straumann and Zimmer.

“Clinicians who want to take advantage of this restorative-driven solution featuring custom tissue management but who prefer to place their existing implant system can now prescribe the Open Platform Inclusive Tooth Replacement Solution,” said Glidewell Laboratories Chief Operations Officer Greg Minzenmayer.

The expanded solution includes all of the same components as the original Inclusive Tooth Replacement Solution with the exception of the surgical drills required for placing the implant of choice (supplied by the prescribing dentist).

Glidewell Laboratories will provide the prosthetic guide, custom temporary components, custom impression coping and final CAD/CAM restoration, all designed around the clinician’s chosen implant platform.

Additionally, an Inclusive Tapered Implant (with corresponding final surgical drill) is included, as a replacement for the clinician’s implant if needed.

Temporization sets the tone for the final esthetic outcome, with parameters unique to each patient. Only the Inclusive Tooth Replacement Solution promotes patient-specific temporization and contoured healing through the use of custom temporary components rather than generic components, according to Glidewell.

Clinicians can provisionalyize a case with the custom temporary abutment and accompanying BioTemp® provisional crown or place the custom healing abutment for a more conservative approach. Either option affords the opportunity to begin sculpting the soft-tissue architecture around the implant and developing the future emergence profile — in a fraction of the time that would be required to create custom healing components chairside.

When healing is complete, the gingival anatomy is maintained and captured during the impression procedure with the matching custom impression coping, enabling the laboratory technician to design the natural emergence profile required for a predictable, esthetic result. In the same amount of time it would take to place generic stock components, patient-specific temporization and soft-tissue management is provided with this feature of the Open Platform Inclusive Tooth Replacement Solution.

The Inclusive Scanning Abutments for clinical use, dentists who have made an investment in digital dentistry can enjoy the convenience of using their preferred intraoral impression system to take digital impressions for digital custom implant solutions that exhibit the level of precision they have come to expect from Glidewell Laboratories.

For more information, visit www.inclusivedental.com or call (888) 303-3975.