

## Media Release

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# Ivoclar Vivadent reaches settlement agreement with Dentsply ending patent dispute

Since October of last year, Ivoclar Vivadent has been engaged in patent infringement litigation in the United States and Germany against Dentsply International Inc., Dentsply Prosthetics U.S. LLC, and Degudent GmbH (“Dentsply”). These lawsuits filed by Ivoclar Vivadent sought to stop the sale and/or importation of certain lithium silicate dental blanks sold by Dentsply, and Ivoclar Vivadent was asserting that these Dentsply products infringed Ivoclar Vivadent patents. Today, Ivoclar Vivadent is pleased to announce that it has reached an agreement with Dentsply to settle the dispute, under which Ivoclar Vivadent will dismiss any pending lawsuits against Dentsply in exchange for Dentsply executing a global patent license and settlement agreement with Ivoclar Vivadent. Ivoclar Vivadent considers its technology very valuable and will actively enforce its intellectual property rights against unauthorized use of its technology, particularly any patents it owns that cover lithium silicate technology and dental ceramics.

### About Ivoclar Vivadent

Ivoclar Vivadent, headquartered in Schaan, Liechtenstein, is one of the world's leading manufacturers of innovative material systems for high-quality dental applications. The company's success is based on a comprehensive portfolio of products and systems, strong research and development capabilities and a clear commitment to training and further education. The company has wholly owned subsidiaries in 24 countries, and it employs over 3,000 people worldwide. More information about Ivoclar Vivadent is available at [www.ivoclarvivadent.com](http://www.ivoclarvivadent.com).

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