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Astra Tech announces strategic alliance with Dental Wings for expanded use of CAD/CAM Atlantis™ abutments

Astra Tech, a market leader in the field of implant dentistry, announces their strategic alliance with Dental Wings, the Canadian based provider of CAD/CAM solutions with specialized development of 3D scanners, beginning in early 2010. As a result, Dental Wings users worldwide will have the ability to remotely transfer scans to Astra Tech's design and manufacturing centers for the production of Atlantis™ patient-specific abutments for all major implant systems.

"Incorporating Atlantis can greatly help to increase the efficiency and profitability of a dental laboratory. This new partnership with Dental Wings is an important step in our continued efforts to leverage technology to further enhance our customers' experience with Atlantis abutments while reducing costs and turnaround times," says Peter Selley, President and CEO, Astra Tech Group.

"The Dental Wings open platform consistently delivers increased value and greater flexibility to lab owners. Our relationship with Astra Tech is part of our ongoing commitment to build on the capabilities, services and features of DWOS™. We are very pleased to announce to our lab partners that they will now have direct access to Astra Tech's manufacturing capabilities, one of the most reliable sources of CAD/CAM abutments," says Naoum Araj, President of Dental Wings.

The process allows scanning of implant cases in the dental laboratory using a Dental Wings 3D scanner. A dedicated interface jointly developed by Astra Tech and Dental Wings facilitates the electronic transfer of scans from the Dental Wings user directly to Astra Tech's design and manufacturing centers for precise and efficient production of Atlantis abutments. By eliminating the need for shipping case models, the laboratory is able to benefit from reduced turnaround times and cost.

About Atlantis™ abutments

Atlantis abutments are designed and fabricated using a patented process that combines 3D optical scanning, proprietary Atlantis VAD™ (Virtual Abutment Design) software, and state-of-the-art materials and manufacturing methods to deliver patient-specific abutments of the highest quality.

Atlantis abutments help to expand the possibilities for cement-retained implant restorations and are available for all major implant systems manufactured by companies such as Astra Tech, Biomet 3i, Nobel Biocare and Straumann.

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About Astra Tech

Astra Tech AB, a company in the AstraZeneca group, develops, manufactures and markets dental implants and advanced disposable products that enhance treatment results, simplify work for healthcare professionals and help cut healthcare costs.

In 2007, Astra Tech acquired the US company Atlantis Components, Inc. The acquisition gave Astra Tech access to the latest CAD/CAM technology for patient-specific abutments.

Astra Tech's headquarters and production facilities are located in Mölndal, near Gothenburg, Sweden. The company operates globally through 16 subsidiaries as well as additional distribution partners.

About Dental Wings, Inc.

Dental Wings is a leading provider of dental CAD/CAM solutions with specialized development of 3D scanners and CAD/CAM software solutions that are dedicated to the dental market.

DWOS™, is the Dental Wings proprietary Digital Dentistry open architecture platform, that improves the design and manufacture of dental prostheses through its software applications. Dental laboratories using DWOS™, have the flexibility to perform designs on scanned models, intra-oral scans or impression scans received directly from their dentists. In addition, because DWOS™ is an open system, restorations can be manufactured either in-house or outsourced to an increasing number of production centers. Dental Wings is a Canadian based company with its headquarters, development and production facilities located in Montreal, Canada.

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