

Media Release

Straumann ranked as top Swiss company in *Europe's 500*

- *Basel-based company climbs into Europe's top 100 fastest growing medium-sized companies and is the highest ranked Swiss company*
- *Company's workforce has grown by more than 60% over past four years*

Basel, 17 October 2005: In this year's study of the fastest-growing companies in Europe (*Europe's 500*), Straumann, a world leader in implant dentistry and dental tissue regeneration, has obtained the highest ranking for a Swiss company and, at position 94, is included among Europe's top 100.

Europe's 500, an organization based in Brussels, publishes an annual survey of the most dynamic medium-sized companies across Europe. These are the fastest growing organizations over the past four years (2001-2004) and the companies that have created the most jobs. According to this year's study, the Basel-based manufacturer of dental medical devices is the most successful medium-sized company in Switzerland.

Despite the generally weak economic climate, Straumann has continued to grow impressively over the past four years, expanding its workforce by more than 60% over the entire period. In 2005 alone, the company has created 189 new jobs and today employs 1293 people.

The list of the Top 100 companies is published in the current issue of "BusinessWeek" magazine. Further information on Europe's 500 can be found at <http://www.europes500.com/>.

About Straumann

Headquartered in Basel, Switzerland, Straumann (SWX: STMN) is a global leader in implant dentistry and oral tissue regeneration. In collaboration with the International Team for Implantology (ITI), leading clinics, research institutes and universities, the Group researches, develops, produces and distributes implants, instruments and tissue regeneration products for use in tooth replacement solutions or to prevent tooth loss. Straumann also provides training and services to the dental profession worldwide. The Group manufactures implant system components and instruments in Switzerland and the USA and dental tissue regeneration products in Sweden. Straumann's products and services are available in more than 60 countries worldwide through the Group's 16 distribution subsidiaries and a broad network of distribution partners. Straumann employs 1293 people worldwide, and generated sales of CHF 420 million and a net income of CHF 101 million in 2004.

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