

Media Release

Straumann decides not to explore intraoral scanner collaboration with Align Technology

Basel, 14 June 2019 – Straumann has decided not to explore a potential scanner collaboration with Align Technology, which was discussed in connection with the patent settlement agreement announced by the two companies in March.

As part of the settlement, which brought to an end a long-standing patent dispute between Align and ClearCorrect, Straumann and Align signed a non-binding Letter of Intent to explore the development and distribution of iTero intraoral scanners made by Align, which would be fully integrated into Straumann's CARES workflow. Straumann committed to pay Align an additional USD 16 million, if the companies failed to enter into the potential development and distribution agreement. Accounting for this and a settlement consideration in the ClearCorrect acquisition agreement, the Group expects a one-time exceptional expense of CHF 24 million in its 2019 H1 results – as previously communicated in April.

Straumann will continue to build on its current intraoral scanning capabilities – which include the recently announced Straumann® Virtuo Vivo™ intraoral scanner – and partnerships to expand its digital business solutions and to unleash the full potential of its fast-growing ClearCorrect business.

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