



ITC Institutes Section 337 Investigation Based on Align Technology Claims of Scanner Related 3Shape Patent Infringement

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SAN JOSE, Calif., March 04, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Align Technology, Inc. (NASDAQ: ALGN) announced today that on February 27, 2019 the United States International Trade Commission (ITC) voted to institute a third investigation (Inv. No. 337-TA-1144) of alleged patent infringement by 3Shape A/S and 3Shape Trios A/s, of Copenhagen, Denmark and 3Shape Inc. of Warren N.J. (collectively "3Shape.") The ITC's decision is based on a formal complaint filed by Align on December 10, 2018 in which Align asserts that 3Shape violates U.S. trade laws through unfair competition by selling for importation and importing the infringing scanners and related software. Align's complaint requests the ITC institute an immediate investigation and ultimately issue cease and desist orders and an exclusion order prohibiting the importation into the U.S. of 3Shape's infringing products if the Commission determines that 3Shape has infringed even one of the multiple patent claims included in Align's complaint. Within the next two months, an administrative law judge will be assigned and the assigned administrative law judge will set a target date for completion of the investigation.

About Align Technology, Inc.

Align Technology designs and manufactures the Invisalign® system, the most advanced clear aligner system in the world, and iTero® intraoral scanners and services. Align's products help dental professionals achieve the clinical results they expect and deliver effective, cutting-edge dental options to their patients. Visit www.aligntech.com for more information.

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