



## Align Technology Announces Changes to Research & Development Department

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Nov. 10 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Align Technology, Inc. (Nasdaq: ALGN), the inventor of Invisalign®, a proprietary method of straightening teeth without wires and brackets, announced that Amir Abolfathi, Vice President of Research & Development has resigned from Align to start his own company. Mr. Abolfathi will continue to serve as a consultant and assist in the search for a replacement.

"Amir has made key contributions to the R&D effort at Align," stated Thomas M. Prescott, President and CEO of Align Technology, Inc. "His leadership and innovation over the last five years has helped Align become a leader in the field of orthodontic techniques. We wish Amir well and thank him for his many contributions."

"I believe that Align Technology is well positioned to become a leader in the treatment of malocclusion," said Abolfathi. "I wish the Company success and look forward to following their progress going forward."

About Align Technology, Inc.

Align Technology designs, manufactures and markets Invisalign, a proprietary method for treating malocclusion, or the misalignment of teeth. Invisalign corrects malocclusion using a series of clear, nearly invisible, removable appliances that gently move teeth to a desired final position. Because it does not rely on the use of metal or ceramic brackets and wires, Invisalign significantly reduces the aesthetic and other limitations associated with braces. Invisalign is appropriate for treating adults and older teens. Align Technology was founded in March 1997 and received FDA clearance to market Invisalign in 1998.

To learn more about Invisalign or to find a certified Invisalign doctor in your area, please visit [www.invisalign.com](http://www.invisalign.com) or call 1-800-INVISIBLE.

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