



Align Technology Denies Ormco Claims of Patent Infringement

Santa Clara, Calif. - January 14, 2003 -- Align Technology, Inc. (Nasdaq: ALGN), the inventor of Invisalign[®], a proprietary method of straightening teeth without wires and brackets, today denied all allegations of patent infringement by Ormco Orthodontics, a division of Sybron Dental Specialties, Inc. Earlier this week, Ormco filed suit against Align, claiming that the Company's manufacturing process infringes Ormco patents dating back to 1992.

Align Technology has reviewed the claims and attempted to clarify these issues for Ormco in the past. The Ormco patents describe computer-aided methods for designing conventional orthodontic appliances employing brackets and wires. Align believes that the patents in question do not cover any of Align's products or processes, and is confident that there is no infringement of any Ormco patents. Align will vigorously defend its rights during litigation.

Align is represented in this matter by leading intellectual property firm Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP.

About Align Technology, Inc.

Align Technology designs, manufactures and markets Invisalign, a proprietary new 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, please visit www.invisalign.com or call 1-800-INVISIBLE.

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