

3M Completes Acquisition of TOP-Service für Lingualtechnik GmbH

3M announced today it has completed its acquisition of TOP-Service für Lingualtechnik GmbH, an orthodontic technology and services company based in Bad Essen, Germany offering the novel Incognito brand system, a digital lingual orthodontic solution. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

TOP will produce synergies with Lingualcare Inc., which was acquired by 3M Unitek in 2007 and sells lingual orthodontic solutions under the iBraces brand. TOP and Lingualcare both address the exploding demand for effective and invisible orthodontic solutions with the same custom appliance system. Unlike conventional braces, the Incognito and iBraces systems are bonded to the tongue side of teeth so they are truly invisible. And unlike clear aligners, the Incognito system can treat the vast majority of orthodontic cases.

For over 60 years, Unitek has been a global leader providing the orthodontic profession with novel innovations such as Clarity ceramic braces, APC adhesive pre-coated brackets, and most recently, SmartClip self-ligating braces, and Clarity SL ceramic self-ligating braces. Today, 3M Unitek delivers more than 14,000 orthodontic products and solutions worldwide. Complementary acquisitions such as this support 3M's core business and strategy to expand its digital orthodontic solutions.

About TOP-Service für Lingualtechnik GmbH

TOP-Service für Lingualtechnik GmbH was founded in 1997 and has since become a major player in the field of lingual orthodontics. The services offered range from computer-controlled production of individually formed lingual brackets and arch wires to high-grade professional courses for interested orthodontists, posters and patient information material. For more information, visit www.lingualtechnik.de/en/top/index.html.

About 3M

A recognized leader in research and development, 3M produces thousands of innovative products for dozens of diverse markets. 3M's core strength is applying its more than 40 distinct technology platforms – often in combination – to a wide array of customer needs. With \$24 billion in sales, 3M employs 79,000 people worldwide and has operations in more than 60 countries. For more information, visit www.3M.com.

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