

3M Files Patent Infringement Lawsuit to Protect Nanofiller Universal Restorative Technology

3M Co. and 3M Innovative Properties Co. filed a patent infringement lawsuit in federal district court in Minnesota today against Danville Materials Inc. The suit alleges that Danville's sales of ZNano™ universal nanocomposite materials infringe 3M's patent rights directed to nanofiller technology used in 3M™ ESPE™ Filtek™ Supreme universal restoratives.

3M's patented nanofiller technology enables high aesthetic quality, strength and wear resistance. Filtek™ Supreme Universal Restorative was the first nanotechnology-based dental composite utilizing engineered nanoparticles that result in unsurpassed polish retention, excellent strength, and wear resistance. Over 400 million restorations have been performed globally using the Filtek Supreme product line and it is the number one selling dental nanocomposite in the U.S.

3M's dental division, 3M ESPE, has been recognized as the most innovative dental company for the past ten years by the Anaheim Group. "3M ESPE is committed to protecting its innovative nanofiller technology and associated intellectual property," said James D. Ingebrand, vice president, 3M ESPE.

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