

3M and Zirkonzahn Settle Patent Infringement Action

3M Company and Zirkonzahn SRL and Zirkonzahn Deutschland GmbH, announced today they have amicably settled a patent infringement lawsuit brought by 3M under 3M's European Patent No. 1,154,969 B2 against Zirkonzahn before the district court of Düsseldorf, Germany.

The suit involved 3M's patented technology that enables dimensionally precise sintering of dental ceramics. As a result of the settlement, Zirkonzahn SRL and Zirkonzahn Deutschland GmbH will license this patented technology from 3M to the end of the patent protection period.

About Zirkonzahn

Zirkonzahn was founded by MDT Enrico Steger in 2003. The company impartially and passionately searches for unconventional and clever dental solutions. The main goal of its 270 employees is to provide quality and precision to customers. www.zirkonzahn.com

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