



BOSTON COMMON
ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC

March 23, 2010

Mr. Brian M. Addison
Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel
DENTSPLY International, Inc.
221 West Philadelphia Street
York, PA 17405-0872

Via email to Brian.Addison@dentsply.com

RE: Offer to Withdraw Shareholder Proposal

Dear Mr. Addison:

This letter sets forth our understanding of an agreement between DENTSPLY International, Inc. (DENTSPLY) and the investor proponents, Boston Common Asset Management (Boston Common), Church of the Brethren Benefit Trust, Inc., Mercy Investment Program and Sisters of Mercy Regional Community of Detroit, and Catholic Health East (collectively Proponents) pursuant to which the Proponents shall withdraw their proposals for the DENTSPLY 2010 proxy statement.

We have received your email dated March 19, 2010 detailing commitments from DENTSPLY to address the Proponents' shareholder proposal concerning DENTSPLY's manufacture and sale of dental amalgams containing mercury, by way of a statement by DENTSPLY that was developed with input from the Proponents.

In your email DENTSPLY offered the following statement.

"Although Dentsply maintains that dental amalgam is a stable alloy (made from liquid mercury, silver and other metals) when it is used as a dental restorative material, Dentsply recognizes that some studies have indicated that dental amalgam waste under some circumstances, could release mercury into the environment. Dentsply offers alternative products to amalgam that do not contain mercury that dentists should consider using in appropriate circumstances, including the potential to reduce environmental impacts. Dentsply will evaluate and pursue ways to encourage dentists to adopt recognized Best Management Practices for handling of dental amalgams waste, including the use of amalgam separators in their offices. Dentsply is willing and interested in continuing its dialogue in 2010 with the shareowner group led by Boston Common Asset Management, including having at least three meetings or conference calls in 2010 with the shareholders represented by Boston Common Asset Management, to focus on better understanding the environmental health impacts of dental amalgam and then determine any appropriate actions that Dentsply may take."

We thank you again for these commitments and DENTSPLY's statement above and also for your willingness to participate in ongoing constructive dialogue with Boston Common and the Proponents.

Therefore, in return for DENTSPLY's commitments and statement noted above, Boston Common and the Proponents agree to withdraw their shareholder proposal they previously asked to be included in the DENTSPLY 2010 Proxy Statement.


Thank you for your time and attention to these important matters. If you agree with these terms, please sign the bottom of this letter and fax it back to me to (617) 720-5665.

Sincerely,



Steven Heim
Senior Vice President, Director of Social Research and Advocacy
Boston Common Asset Management, LLC

AGREED



Brian M. Addison, on behalf of DENTSPLY International, Inc.

Date: 3/24/10

Copy:

Sr. Valerie Heinonen, o.s.u., Representing Mercy Investment Program and Sisters of Mercy Regional
Community of Detroit

Steve Mason, Director, Brethren Foundation, and Director of Socially Responsible Investing, Church of the
Brethren Benefit Trust, Inc.

Sr. Kathleen Coll, SSJ, Administrator, Shareholder Advocacy, Catholic Health East