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# Straumann original implant bars and bridges available to 3Shape users

**Copenhagen/Basel, February 22, 2017** – 3Shape and Straumann today announce that 3Shape users can now scan and design using their 3Shape scanner and obtain original Straumann implant bars and implant bridges from Straumann's manufacturing global facilities.

Dental lab technicians using 3Shape Dental System software can access the original Straumann implant bar and bridge libraries directly in the 3Shape software. The 3Shape design files are then sent to Straumann global production facilities for the manufacture of Straumann original implant bars and implant bridges. Straumann® CARES® Screw-Retained Bridges and Bars allow for the construction and manufacturing of complex superstructures. They are available in two materials, titanium grade 4 and cobalt-chromium alloy (coron®) for the restoration of Straumann® implants.

"The integration is a testament to the power and precision of our 3Shape scanners and software. Their strength and ISO-documented accuracy make working with complex indications like implant bars and bridges possible," says Flemming Thorup, President and CEO at 3Shape. "With the partnership, 3Shape users gain more options and importantly, now have the opportunity to design and receive original Straumann implant bars and implant bridges."

Frank Hemm, Executive Vice President Customer Solutions and Education at Straumann commented: "Our strategy to adopt an open system offers significant benefits to 3Shape users. Straumann CARES prosthetics offers them flexibility and a very high level of precision and quality. With adding SRBB portfolio we nearly completed our offering also to 3Shape customers."

The integration marks a further cooperation between the two companies. In 2014, the two announced the integration of Straumann CARES® libraries with 3Shape Dental System software. Original Straumann libraries (DME files) for implant bars and bridges will be available free of charge with the Dental System 2017 software - expected release May 2017. Existing 3Shape users who wish to benefit from this opportunity can contact Straumann.

#### **About 3Shape**

3Shape is changing dentistry together with dental professionals across the world by developing innovations that provide superior dental care for patients. Our portfolio of 3D scanners and CAD/CAM software solutions for the dental industry includes the multiple award-winning 3Shape TRIOS intraoral scanner, the game-changing 3Shape X1 4-in-1 CBCT scanner, and market-leading scanning and design software solutions for dental labs. Two graduate students founded 3Shape in the year 2000, and today the company's fast-growing team of employees in 19 offices worldwide is serving customers in over

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#### **About Straumann**

The Straumann Group (SIX: STMN) is a global leader in tooth replacement solutions that restore smiles and confidence. It unites global and international brands that stand for excellence, innovation and quality in tooth replacement and esthetics, including Straumann, Instradent, Neodent, and Medentika, etkon and other fully/partly owned companies and partners.

In collaboration with leading clinics, institutes and universities, the Group researches, develops, manufactures and supplies dental implants, instruments, CADCAM prosthetics, biomaterials and digital solutions for use in tooth replacement and restoration or to prevent tooth loss.

Headquartered in Basel, Switzerland, the Group employs 3800 people worldwide and its products, solutions and services are available in more than 100 countries through a broad network of distribution subsidiaries and partners.

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