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Subject: **27 August Investor Call: Appeal to stop the production of Dental Amalgam by 2027**

18 August 2024

Dear Ms. Cheetham,

On 27 August, you will present the Annual Report 2024 to your investors and give an update on your strategy and outlook. For reasons mentioned below, the World Alliance for Mercury-Free Dentistry appeals to you to stop the production of dental amalgam by **2027** at the latest and announce it on this occasion.

In **2019**, you received a \$3 million Commonwealth Government Grant for the project "*Dentistry without mercury – Glass fibre reinforced flowable dental composite restorative materials*" and **you successfully developed the Riva and Stela lines as amalgam replacement products.**

Since **2023**, you became co-financing partner (with \$ 4,5 million in-kind contribution) of the GEF7 Project to phase down dental amalgam, in which your role is to contribute knowledge and experience of the dental industry shifting from manufacturing dental amalgam to alternative mercury-free dental restorative materials.

You have been praised for your focus on stressing environmental product development and your focus on environmentally sound lifecycle management.

And, in February **2024**, you presented your roadmap for environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) and announced that you would publish your ESG policy this year.

In order to promote a consistent corporate strategy, there is no choice: **it's time to end amalgam production.**

According to research findings, around 60 % of amalgam from capsules ends up directly in the waste during processing. Especially in countries where there is no adequate hazardous waste management, it pollutes the soil, water and air during waste incineration or other disposal practices. But also the mercury in fillings pollutes the environment via crematoria, burials or excretions.

As the leading global manufacturer of dental amalgam, despite your best intentions, your company is still responsible for significant mercury pollution worldwide, while your government is supporting the phase out of dental amalgam in line with the proposed amendments of the Minamata Convention.

An ideal time to stop manufacturing dental amalgam should be when you move your production to Montrose, not only to avoid mercury emissions and contamination in the new factory, but to finally stop global pollution from its use.

We look forward to your response and are eager to hear more about your ESG strategy moving forward.

Yours sincerely,

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