**Press Release**

**Statement regarding patent issue with Ivoclar Vivadent in the U.S.**

**GC strives to constantly develop innovative new products in the area of dental care. One of its new products is InitialTM LiSi Press (LiSi Press), a disilicate ingot with High Density Micronization (HDM) technology. The lithium disilicate ceramic used makes the product suitable for different types of dental restorations.**

One of GC’s competitors, the Liechtenstein based Ivoclar Vivadent AG (Ivoclar), has approached GC Corporation and GC America, Inc. in the United States of America for alleged patent infringement and has filed complaints in the U.S. It goes without saying that GC takes these allegations very seriously.

GC strongly believes that the allegations brought forward by Ivoclar in the U.S. do not have any merit. GC would like to emphasize that the current allegations are exclusively based on U.S. patents and concern the U.S. market only. In light of the limited scope of the allegations, we will refrain from further comments in this respect.

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