

Media release

Straumann CFO to pursue new career opportunity

Basel, 10 March 2008 – Straumann, a global leader in implant and restorative dentistry and oral tissue regeneration today announced that its Chief Financial Officer, Marco Gadola has decided to leave the company to pursue a new career opportunity in a larger international company. Straumann is initiating a search for a successor and is confident that it will be able to announce the appointment by the fourth quarter of this year, when Mr Gadola is scheduled to leave.

Since joining Straumann in the Spring of 2006, Marco Gadola has made a number of significant contributions to the financial organization and operations of the Group. As Chief Financial Officer, he has built a high caliber team and has considerably raised the level of international professionalism throughout the Finance Division. In his role as Executive Vice President of Operations, he has overseen production, logistics and information technology worldwide. In the past year, Mr Gadola has played a leading part in the acquisition and integration of sizeable companies, namely the CAD/CAM prosthetics company etkon, and Straumann's distributors in Japan and Korea.

Gilbert Achermann, President and CEO, commented: "Marco Gadola has been a valuable, trusted and highly respected member of our Executive Management Board and we regret his decision to leave. On behalf of my colleagues, I would like to thank him sincerely for his many contributions to our company and wish him every success in his future endeavours".

About Straumann

Headquartered in Basel, Switzerland, the Straumann Group (SWX: STMN) is a global leader in implant and restorative dentistry and oral tissue regeneration. In collaboration with leading clinics, research institutes and universities, Straumann researches, develops and manufactures dental implants, instruments, prosthetics and tissue regeneration products for use in tooth replacement and restoration solutions or to prevent tooth loss. Straumann currently employs approx. 2000 people and its products and services are available in more than 60 countries through its broad network of distribution subsidiaries and partners.

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