

Press release

**European Patent Office ruling confirms process patent
Heraeus Kulzer defends patent for producing angled
implant superstructures**

Hanau, 16th February 2015 – **Heraeus Kulzer GmbH has successfully defended its patent for producing implant superstructures with a milled, angled screw channel in opposition proceedings before the European Patent Office. The ruling confirms the process patent from 2010.**

Heraeus Kulzer offers dentists and dental technicians implant bridges and individual abutments with an angled screw channel in the cara I-Bridge[®], cara I-Bar[®] and the cara I-Butment[®]. These products and their production have been protected by a European patent since 2010. In early December 2014, the validity of the patent was verified in the scope of opposition proceedings before the EPO in Munich. In the course of the proceedings, which spanned two days, the Hanau-based dental manufacturer defended the process patent for the production of implant superstructures with a milled, angled screw channel. The process patent, which is identical to the original version, shall remain valid until 2027.

“We are very pleased with the result of the proceedings,” commented Dr. Andreas Bacher, Head of Digital Services at Heraeus Kulzer. “We will continue to defend our intellectual property rights and actively prevent patent infringements. In doing so, we are acting in our customers’ best interests, as they can rely on the safety of our patented implant solutions.”

Figure



Fig.: Heraeus Kulzer holds the patent for the production of implant superstructures with a milled, angled screw channel such as the cara I-Bridge[®], cara I-Bar[®] and cara I-Butment[®].

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About Heraeus Kulzer

Heraeus Kulzer GmbH is one of the world's leading dental companies and has its headquarters in Hanau, Germany. As a reliable partner, the company has been supporting dentists and dental technicians with an extensive product range spanning cosmetic dentistry, tooth preservation, prosthetics, periodontology and digital dentistry for many years. Their specialist knowledge and passion for the dental market is what drives the more than 1,400 employees at the 25 locations around the world. They are the embodiment of what the name Heraeus Kulzer stands for: service, quality and innovation. In this way, Heraeus Kulzer managed to report a product turnover of more than \$ 400 million in 2014.

Heraeus Kulzer is a member of the Japanese Mitsui Chemicals Group. Mitsui Chemicals Inc. (MCI) is based in Tokyo and has 14,700 employees in 134 subsidiaries in 27 countries around the world. Its innovative, practical chemical products are just as in demand in the automotive, electronics and packaging industries as they are in other fields such as environmental protection and healthcare.

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