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3M Completes Acquisition of Lingualcare Inc.

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--3M announced today that it has completed its acquisition of Lingualcare Inc., a Dallas-based orthodontic technology and services company offering the iBraces system, a customized, lingual orthodontic solution. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Lingualcare brings the newest generation of lingual braces, along with sophisticated digital tools to make treatment easier for doctors and patients. Lingualcare nicely complements 3M's full line of orthodontic solutions and further broadens 3M Unitek's aesthetic and digital orthodontic platforms.

The demand for effective and aesthetic orthodontic solutions is increasing steadily. Because lingual braces are bonded on the tongue side of the teeth, they are truly invisible, making them the most aesthetic orthodontic solution available. In addition, lingual braces are more effective at moving teeth than other invisible solutions such as clear aligners, which can be removed by the patient and therefore rely on patient compliance.

About Lingualcare Inc.

Founded in 2002, Lingualcare Inc. is an orthodontic technology and services company with a new approach to straightening teeth that leverages proprietary technology to offer state of the art orthodontic treatment. Lingualcare offers iBraces, the only 100 percent customized invisible fixed appliance system on the market today. Supporting the highest standard of care, iBraces are designed to ensure optimal patient comfort and deliver individualized clinical results.

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