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Dear Dental and Orthodontic Professionals:

This letter is in response to your request for information on 3M Oral Care products containing bisphenol A (BPA). We are aware of recent articles mentioning BPA in connection with dental and orthodontic products, the addition of BPA to the California Proposition 65 list, and the ongoing debate over the actual health effects of BPA. As part of our long-standing commitment to health and safety, we have performed biocompatibility assessments on 3M Oral Care products potentially impacted by BPA and confirmed that they are safe for their intended use.

No 3M Oral Care product contains BPA as an added ingredient.

Like other dental and orthodontic manufacturers, 3M Oral Care uses the material known as BisGMA in many products. BisGMA is known by its full chemical name of "Bisphenol A diglycidyl ether methacrylate" and is not the same as Bisphenol A. Independent studies have shown that BisGMA is stable under both curing conditions and in the mouth; it does not break down to form BPA. These studies were summarized and the findings confirmed in a recent article in the journal "Pediatrics" ("Bisphenol A and Related Compounds in Dental Materials," online September 6, 2010).

The "Pediatrics" article notes that the material called "Bisphenol A dimethacrylate" (BisDMA) may release BPA. BisDMA is not the same as BisGMA. 3M Oral Care does not use BisDMA in any dental or orthodontic products.

BPA and products that may contain BPA continue to be studied by many scientists for a variety of biological effects. Recent authoritative risk assessments based on the most current information have confirmed the minimal contribution of dental and orthodontic products to BPA exposure. 3M Oral Care closely reviews all of this published information and incorporates the results from scientifically valid studies into our product risk assessments. With confidence, we can state that our BisGMA-based products remain safe for their intended uses and do not require warning per Proposition 65 requirements.

If you have additional questions, please contact our Customer Care Center at 1-800-634-2249.

Thank you for your interest in 3M Oral Care products.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gretchen E. Keenan".

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