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Mr. Edgar H. Schollmaier has retired from the Board of Directors of the Company effective December 31, 2005. Mr. Schollmaier is 72 years old and would not have been able to stand for re-election at the expiration of his current term in May of 2006 due to his reaching the Company's mandatory retirement age for Directors. Mr. Schollmaier has been a Director of the Company for nine and a half years, serving since June 1996. The Board of Directors of the Company and the Company are grateful for the valuable service provided by Mr. Schollmaier.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC
(Company)

/s/Brian M. Addison
Brian M. Addison
Vice President, Secretary and
General Counsel

Date: January 5, 2005