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DENTSPLY International Reports Results for Third Quarter 2011

- Record net sales for the third quarter increased 14.4% and 14.0% excluding precious metals
- Earnings per diluted share of \$0.42 on a GAAP basis, and \$0.46 on an adjusted basis
- Astra Tech acquisition completed ahead of schedule
- Increasing fiscal 2011 earnings guidance

York, PA – October 27, 2011 – DENTSPLY International Inc. (NASDAQ–XRAY) today announced financial results for the three months ended September 30, 2011. Net sales in the third quarter of 2011 increased 14.4% to \$619.8 million compared to \$541.8 million reported for the third quarter of 2010. Net sales, excluding precious metal content, were \$563.8 million, a 14.0% increase compared to \$494.3 million in the third quarter of 2010. The net sales growth, excluding precious metal content, was primarily the result of the acquisition of Astra Tech, which was completed on August 31, 2011. The company also had positive impacts from foreign currency exchange rates and internal sales growth excluding orthodontic and Japanese sales.

Net income attributable to DENTSPLY for the third quarter of 2011 was \$60.6 million, or \$0.42 per diluted share, representing a 4.5% decline compared to \$0.44 per diluted share in the third quarter of 2010. Earnings per diluted share in the third quarter of 2011, on an adjusted basis and excluding amortization of acquired intangible assets and other non-GAAP adjustments, were \$0.46, essentially the same as the third quarter of 2010 despite the significant headwind from the orthodontic supply disruption in Japan. A reconciliation of the non-GAAP measure to earnings per share calculated on a GAAP basis is presented on the attached table.

Bret Wise, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "We are pleased to report another quarter of strong performance despite the orthodontic supply disruption in Japan. We are also excited to have closed the Astra Tech transaction during the quarter allowing us to begin the integration process earlier than we originally anticipated. We are pleased with the early assessment coming out of our integration efforts."



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Mr. Wise went on to state, "Based upon our performance to date, our outlook for a stable global dental market, and increased confidence in the contribution from Astra Tech, we are increasing our guidance for adjusted earnings per diluted share in 2011 to a range of \$2.01 to \$2.07 per share from a comparable previous range of \$1.96 to \$2.04 per diluted share."

As shown below, this adjusted EPS guidance range excludes all amortization related to purchased intangible assets including \$0.04 per diluted share from acquisitions completed prior to July 1, 2011.

Previous FY2011 Non-GAAP EPS guidance	\$1.92 - \$2.00
Amortization of acquired intangible assets*	\$0.04
Previous FY2011 non-GAAP EPS guidance, adjusted	\$1.96 - \$2.04
New FY2011 non-GAAP EPS guidance	\$2.01 -\$2.07

^{*} Beginning in the third quarter of 2011 the Company updated its definition of adjusted earnings to exclude amortization of acquired intangible assets.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A conference call has also been scheduled for today, Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. (Eastern Time). At that time, you will be able to discuss the third quarter earnings with DENTSPLY's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Bret Wise; President and Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Chris Clark; and Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. William Jellison. A live broadcast is available by accessing DENTSPLY's website at www.dentsply.com. In order to participate in the call, dial (888) 727-7721 (for domestic calls) and (913) 312-1462 (for international calls). The Conference ID # is 4131409.

A rebroadcast of the conference call will be available to the public online at the DENTSPLY website www.dentsply.com. You may also access a dial-in replay for one week following the call at (888) 203-1112 (for domestic calls) or (719) 457-0820 (for international calls), pass code #4131409.

DENTSPLY International Inc. believes it is the world's largest designer, developer, manufacturer and marketer of professional dental products. The Company has also expanded, through the Astra Tech acquisition, in consumable medical devices. The Company is headquartered in the United States and operates in more than 120 other countries, principally through its foreign subsidiaries.

This press release contains forward-looking information (within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995) regarding future events or the future financial performance of the Company that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. Actual events or results may differ materially



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from those in the projections or other forward-looking information set forth herein as a result of certain risk factors. These risk factors include, without limitation; the continued strength of dental markets, the timing, success and market reception for our new and existing products, uncertainty with respect to governmental actions with respect to dental products, outcome of litigation, continued support of our products by influential dental professionals, our ability to successfully integrate Astra Tech, risks associated with foreign currency exchange rates, and changes in the general economic environment that could affect the business. Changes in such assumptions or factors could produce significantly different results.

For an additional description of risk factors, please refer to the Company's most recent Form 10-K and its subsequent periodic reports on Forms 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to the results reported in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP"), the Company provided adjusted operating income, adjusted net income attributable to DENTSPLY International and adjusted earnings per diluted share. These adjusted amounts consist of GAAP amounts excluding (1) acquisition related costs and the expensing of purchase price adjustments, (2) restructuring and other costs, (3) amortization on purchased intangibles from acquisitions, (4) Orthodontic business continuity costs, (5) certain fair value adjustments at an unconsolidated affiliated company, and (6) income tax related adjustments. Adjusted earnings per diluted share are calculated by dividing adjusted net income attributable to DENTSPLY International by diluted weighted-average shares outstanding. Income tax related adjustments may include the impact to adjust the interim effective income tax rate to the expected annual effective income tax rate.

Adjusted operating income, adjusted net income attributable to DENTSPLY International, adjusted earnings per diluted share and operating tax rate are considered measures not calculated in accordance with GAAP, and therefore are non-GAAP measures. These non-GAAP measures may differ from those of other companies.

The Company believes that the presentation of adjusted operating income, adjusted net income attributable to DENTSPLY International, adjusted earnings per diluted share and operating tax rate provides important supplemental information to management and investors seeking to understand the Company's financial condition and results of operations. The non-GAAP financial information should not be considered in isolation from, or as a substitute for, measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP.



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DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	 Three Months Ended September 30,			_		nths En mber 3	hs Ended ber 30,	
	 2011	_	2010		2011		2010	
Net sales Net sales, excluding precious metal content	\$ 619,759 563,751	\$	541,815 494,345	\$	1,799,705 1,654,746	\$	1,652,845 1,510,501	
Cost of products sold	 322,111		269,001		887,222		810,399	
Gross profit % of Net sales % of Net sales, excluding precious metal content	297,648 48.0% 52.8%		272,814 50.4% 55.2%		912,483 50.7% 55.1%		842,446 51.0% 55.8%	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	231,493		182,057		643,244		552,474	
Restructuring and other costs	 26,353	_	338		33,849		5,261	
Operating income % of Net sales % of Net sales, excluding precious metal content	39,802 6.4% 7.1%		90,419 16.7% 18.3%		235,390 13.1% 14.2%		284,711 17.2% 18.8%	
Net interest and other expense	 20,826	_	5,316	_	29,985	_	17,775	
Income before income taxes	18,976		85,103		205,405		266,936	
(Benefit) Provision for income taxes	(40,627)		21,288		1,042		67,585	
Equity in net income attributable to unconsolidated affiliated company	1,597		<u> </u>		1,690			
Net income % of Net sales % of Net sales, excluding precious metal content	61,200 9.9% 10.9%		63,815 11.8% 12.9%		206,053 11.4% 12.5%		199,351 12.1% 13.2%	
Less: Net income attributable to the noncontrolling interests	 603	_	162		2,136		1,470	
Net income attributable to DENTSPLY International % of Net sales % of Net sales, excluding precious metal content	\$ 60,597 9.8% 10.7%	\$	63,653 11.7% 12.9%	\$	203,917 11.3% 12.3%	_ \$ <u></u>	197,881 12.0% 13.1%	
Earnings per common share: Basic Dilutive	\$ 0.43 0.42	\$	0.45 0.44	\$ \$	1.44 1.42	\$	1.37 1.35	
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.05	\$	0.05	\$	0.15	\$	0.15	
Weighted average common share outstanding: Basic Dilutive	141,349 143,395		142,501 144,063		141,337 143,578		144,670 146,679	



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DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands)

	September 30, 2011		December 31, 2010		
Assets					
Current Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	81,866	\$	540,038	
Accounts and notes receivable-trade, net		475,947		344,796	
Inventories, net		391,528		308,738	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		140,264		121,473	
Total Current Assets		1,089,605		1,315,045	
Property, plant and equipment, net		569,853		423,105	
Identifiable intangible assets, net		808,038		78,743	
Goodwill, net		2,208,906		1,303,055	
Other noncurrent assets, net		157,309		138,003	
Total Assets	\$	4,833,711	\$	3,257,951	
Liabilities and Equity					
Current liabilities	\$	512,689	\$	360,091	
Long-term debt		1,793,979		604,015	
Deferred income taxes		242,162		72,489	
Other noncurrent liabilities		394,467		311,444	
Total Liabilities		2,943,297		1,348,039	
Total DENTSPLY International Equity		1,853,692		1,839,386	
Noncontrolling interests		36,722		70,526	
Total Equity	_	1,890,414		1,909,912	
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$	4,833,711	\$	3,257,951	



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Operating Income Summary:

The following tables present the reconciliation of reported GAAP operating income in total and on a percentage of net sales, excluding precious metal content, to the non-GAAP financial measures.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2011	 Operating Income (Expense)	Percentage of Net Sales, Ex Precious Metal Content		
Income from Operations	\$ 39,802	7.1%		
Acquisition Related Activities	35,530	6.3%		
Restructuring and Other Costs	14,826	2.6%		
Amortization on Purchased Intangibles from Acquisitions: Prior to July 1, 2011 Astra Tech	2,136 3,354	0.4% 0.6%		
Orthodontics Business Continuity Costs	 1,321	0.2%		
Adjusted Non-GAAP Operating Earnings	\$ 96,969	17.2%		

Three Months Ended September 30, 2010	(I	Percentage of Net Sales, Ex Precious Metal Content		
Income from Operations	\$	90,419	18.3%	
Amortization on Purchased Intangibles from Acquisitions		2,218	0.5%	
Acquisition Related Activities		1,714	0.3%	
Restructuring and Other Costs		338	0.1%	
Adjusted Non-GAAP Operating Earnings	\$	94,689	19.2%	



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Earnings Summary:

The following tables present the reconciliation of reported GAAP net income attributable to DENTSPLY International ar on a per share basis to the non-GAAP financial measures.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2011

	Income (Expense)			Diluted Per Share		
Net Income Attributable to DENTSPLY International	\$	60,597	\$	0.42		
Acquisition Related Activities, Net of Tax		36,122		0.25		
Restructuring and Other Costs, Net of Tax and Non-Controlling Interests		9,530		0.07		
Amortization on Purchased Intangibles from Acquisitions, Net of Tax: Prior to July 1, 2011 Astra Tech		1,423 2,415		0.01 0.02		
Orthodontics Business Continuity Costs, Net of Tax		866		-		
Gain on Fair Value Adjustments at an Unconsolidated Affiliated Company, Net of Tax		(1,800)		(0.01)		
Income Tax-Related Adjustments		(42,950)		(0.30)		
Adjusted Non-GAAP Net Income Attributable to DENTSPLY International	\$	66,203	\$	0.46		

Three Months Ended September 30, 2010

	Income (Expense)			Diluted Per Share		
Net Income Attributable to DENTSPLY International	\$	63,653	\$	0.44		
Amortization on Purchased Intangibles from Acquisitions, Net of Tax		1,471		0.01		
Acquisition Related Activities, Net of Tax and Non-Controlling Interests		1,283		0.01		
Restructuring and Other Costs, Net of Tax and Non-Controlling Interests		240		-		
Income Tax-Related Adjustments		(320)	_	<u>-</u>		
Adjusted Non-GAAP Net Income Attributable to DENTSPLY International	\$	66,327	\$ <u></u>	0.46		



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Operating Tax Rate Summary:

The following tables present the reconciliation of reported GAAP effective tax rate as a percentage of income before income taxes to the non-GAAP financial measure.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2011

	_	Pre-tax Income	Be	Income Tax enefit (Expense)	Percentage of Pre-tax Income
As Reported - GAAP Operating Results	\$	18,976	\$	40,627	(214.1)%
Acquisition Related Activities		47,558		(11,436)	
Restructuring and Other Costs		14,825		(5,136)	
Amortization on Purchased Intangibles from Acquisitions: Prior to July 1, 2011 Astra Tech		2,136 3,354		(713) (939)	
Orthodontics Business Continuity Costs		1,322		(456)	
Gain on Fair Value Adjustments at an Unconsolidated Affiliated Company		(393)		119	
Income Tax-Related Adjustments	_	-		(42,950)	
As Adjusted - Non-GAAP Operating Results	\$	87,778	\$	(20,884)	23.8%

Three Months Ended September 30, 2010	_	Pre-tax Income	 ncome Tax efit (Expense)	Percentage of Pre-tax Income
As Reported - GAAP Operating Results	\$	85,103	\$ (21,288)	25.0%
Amortization on Purchased Intangibles from Acquisitions		2,218	(747)	
Acquisition Related Activities		1,714	(431)	
Restructuring and Other Costs		338	(102)	
Income Tax-Related Adjustments	_	<u>-</u>	 (320)	
As Adjusted - Non-GAAP Operating Results	\$ <u></u>	89,373	\$ (22,888)	25.6%



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Operating Income Summary:

The following tables present the reconciliation of reported GAAP operating income in total and on a percentage of net sales, excluding precious metal content, to the non-GAAP financial measures.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011	Operating Income (Expense)	Percentage of Net Sales, Ex Precious Metal Content
Income from Operations	\$ 235,390	14.2%
Acquisition Related Activities	41,521	2.5%
Restructuring and Other Costs	16,330	1.0%
Amortization on Purchased Intangibles from Acquisitions: Prior to July 1, 2011 Astra Tech	6,649 3,354	0.4% 0.2%
Orthodontics Business Continuity Costs	 2,041	0.1%
Adjusted Non-GAAP Operating Income	\$ 305,285	18.4%

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010	 Operating Income (Expense)	Percentage of Net Sales, Ex Precious Metal Content
Income from Operations	\$ 284,711	18.8%
Amortization on Purchased Intangibles from Acquisitions	6,787	0.5%
Restructuring and Other Costs	5,261	0.4%
Recent Acquisition-Related Activities	 2,232	0.1%
Adjusted Non-GAAP Operating Income	\$ 298,991	19.8%



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Earnings Summary:

The following tables present the reconciliation of reported GAAP net income attributable to DENTSPLY International an on a per share basis to the non-GAAP financial measures.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011

	Income (Expense)			Diluted Per Share
Net Income Attributable to DENTSPLY International	\$	203,917	\$	1.42
Acquisition Related Activities, Net of Tax and Non-Controlling Interests		42,363		0.30
Restructuring and Other Costs, Net of Tax and Non-Controlling Interests		10,403		0.07
Amortization on Purchased Intangibles from Acquisitions, Net of Tax: Prior to July 1, 2011 Astra Tech		4,429 2,415		0.03 0.02
Orthodontics Business Continuity Costs, Net of Tax		1,308		0.01
Gain on Fair Value Adjustments at an Unconsolidated Affiliated Company, Net of Tax		(2,059)		(0.01)
Credit Risk Adjustment to Outstanding Derivatives, Net of Tax		(783)		(0.01)
Income Tax-Related Adjustments		(43,733)	_	(0.31)
Adjusted Non-GAAP Net Income Attributable to DENTSPLY International	\$ <u></u>	218,260	\$_	1.52

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010

	Income (Expense)			Diluted Per Share		
Net Income Attributable to DENTSPLY International	\$	197,881	\$	1.35		
Amortization on Purchased Intangibles from Acquisitions, Net of Tax		4,491		0.03		
Restructuring and Other Costs, Net of Tax and Non-Controlling Interests		3,250		0.02		
Recent Acquisition-Related Activities, Net of Tax and Non-Controlling Interests		1,670		0.01		
Credit Risk Adjustment to Outstanding Derivatives, Net of Tax		732		0.01		
Income Tax-Related Adjustments		670	_	-		
Adjusted Non-GAAP Net Income Attributable to DENTSPLY International	\$ <u></u>	208,694	\$ <u></u>	1.42		



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Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011

		Pre-tax Income	Income Tax Benefit (Expense)		Percentage of Pre-tax	
As Reported - GAAP Operating Results	\$	205,405	\$	(1,042)	0.5%	
Acquisition Related Activities		53,947		(11,971)		
Restructuring and Other Costs		16,331		(5,769)		
Amortization on Purchased Intangibles from Acquisitions Prior to July 1, 2011 Astra Tech		6,649 3,354		(2,220) (939)		
Orthodontics Business Continuity Costs		2,041		(733)		
Gain on Fair Value Adjustments at an Unconsolidated Affiliate Company		(392)		119		
Credit Risk Adjustment to Outstanding Derivatives		(1,275)		492		
Income Tax-Related Adjustments		<u> </u>		(43,733)		
As Adjusted - Non-GAAP Operating Results	\$	286,060	\$	(65,796)	23.0%	

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010

Nine Month's Linea September 30, 2010		Pre-tax Income		ncome Tax efit (Expense)	Percentage of Pre-tax	
As Reported - GAAP Operating Results	\$	266,936	\$	(67,585)	25.3%	
Amortization on Purchased Intangibles from Acquisitions		6,786		(2,295)		
Restructuring and Other Costs		5,261		(1,905)		
Recent Acquisition-Related Activities		2,232		(562)		
Credit Risk Adjustment to Outstanding Derivatives		1,192		(460)		
Income Tax-Related Adjustments	_			670		
As Adjusted - Non-GAAP Operating Results	\$	282,407	\$	(72,137)	25.5%	