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Date: January 26, 2002

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No. of Entry Signat.	a) Firm Seat c) Object of Enterpr.	Capital Stock	Board of Directors Personally	Full Power of Attorney	Legal Relationships	a) Date of Entry & b) Remarks
1	a) ESPE Dental Aktiengesellschaft b) Seefeld, District Starnberg	100,000.--	Skogstad Robert, Bus. Grad. (Univ.) in Starnberg; Dr. Gasser Oswald, chemist in Seefeld;	Full power of attorney together with a member of the board of directors or another procurist	Corporation, created by transformation of "ESPE Dental GmbH" with its seat in Augsburg (AG Augsburg HRB 16158) according to decision of the shareholders' meeting of January 30, 1998.	a) 4/24/98 Signature Hofmann b) Decision Page 4 SB New By-Laws Page 7 SB

c) Production of and trade with dental products of all types, as well as chemical and pharmaceutical products relating to the dental field, including all products and goods supplementing these products.

Janni Karl, businessman in Inning

1) Jokisch Bernd, Germering; Karl-Heinz Windach.

2) Hermann Karl-Heinz

For the duration of five years, counted from the registration of the form-changing transformation of 3/10/98 into the Commercial Register, the Board of Directors is authorized to increase the capital stock of the company with

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 Supervisory Board by the
 issuance of new shares
 against contributions in

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1	Enterpr.	DM	Liabile Partners Managers Liquidators				

of cash or non-cash once
 or several times but by
 no more than a total
 par value of DM 50,000.--
 (authorized capital).

If only one member of the
 Board of Directors is
 appointed, this member is
 the sole representative of the
 company. If several
 members of the Board are
 appointed, the company is
 represented either by
 two members of the Board
 or by one member of the
 Board together with one

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procurist.
 The general meeting of 3/12/98 adopted the amendment of Par. 1 (Seat, Previously Augsburg (AG Augsburg, HRB 94)) of the By-Laws.

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Enterpr. DM
 Liabile Partners
 Managers
 Liquidators

b) Remarks

The following was also amended:

Par. 8 (Supervisory Board).

Appointed as Members of the Board:
 Dr. Gasser Oswald, chemist in Seefeld and Janni Karl, businessman in Inning.

The general meeting of 5/5/98 adopted the amendment of Par. 8 (Composition and Term of the Supervisory Board) of the By-Laws. a) 5/12/98 Signature Kellerer b) Decision Page 9 SB New By-Laws Page 12 SB

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By way of the post-formation acquisition, the company on 3/30/98 made an agreement with SIH Stiftung & Co. Industrieholding KG, Seefeld, concerning the a) 7/14/98 Signature Kellerer b) Agreement. Page 17 SB Decision Page 19 SB

acquisition of all
 business shares of
 ESPE Dental-Medizin
 Verwaltungsgesellschaft
 mbH with its seat
 in Seefeld as well as
 an agreement concerning
 the acquisition of the
 entire limited partner's
 capital contribution in
 the firm ESPE Dental-
 Medizin GmbH & Co. with
 its seat in Seefeld.

The general meeting
 consented on 5/5/98.

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4					The general meeting of 7/31/98 adopted the amendment of Par. 10 (Convening and	a) 9/14/98 Signature Kellerer

Resolution of the Supervisory Board and 12 (Place of Convening) of the By-Laws. b) Decision Page 25 SB New By-Laws Page 28 SB

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On the basis of the merger agreement of 7/31/98 and of the decision of its shareholders' meeting of 7/31/98 as well as of the decision of the shareholders' meeting of the transferring company of 7/31/98, the "MP Medizinische Produkte GmbH" with its seat in Wertingen (AG Augsburg HRB 10260)

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is merged with the
company.

A branch was established

a) 12/11/98

in Wertingen under the
firm name "ESPE Dental
AG Betrieb Wertingen".
(AG Augsburg HRB 16686)

Signature
Hartmann

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7		30,750,000.--				

The general meeting on 11/16/98 adopted the increase of the capital stock by DM 30,650,000.-- to DM 30,750,000.-- and the amendment of Par. 5 (Amount and Budgeting of the Capital Stock) of the by-Laws.

a) 12/29/98
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This is an increase in the capital stock from corporate assets. The following was also amended:
Par. 14 (Resolutions and Voting Rights)

8 a) ----- The general meeting a) 3/22/01

3M ESPE AG

of 3/12/01 adopted
the amendment of
Par. 1 (Firm) of
the by-laws.
Signature
Hartmann
b) Decision

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	Enterpr.	DM	Liabile Partners Managers Liquidators				

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Judicial Clerk

Clerk of the Court

Nr. der Eintragung	a) Firma b) Sitz c) Gegenstand des Unternehmens	Grund- oder Stammkapital DM	Vorstand Persönlich haftende Gesellschafter Geschäftsführer Abwickler	Beglaubigte Abschrift	Rechtsverhältnisse	Tag der Eintragung und Unterschrift b) Bemerkungen
1	a) ESPE Dental Aktiengesellschaft b) Seefeld, Landkreis Starnberg	100.000,--	Skogstad Robert, Diplom-Kaufmann in Starnberg; Dr. Gasser Oswald, Dipl.-Chemiker in Seefeld; Janni Karl, Kauf- mann in Inning	Prokura zusammen mit einem Vorstandsmitglied oder einem anderen Prokuristen 1) Jockisch Bernd, Germering; 2) Hermann Karl-Heinz, Windach. Er ist nicht mehr Einzelprokurist.	Aktiengesellschaft, entstanden durch Umwandlung der "ESPE Dental GmbH" mit dem Sitz in Augsburg (AG Augsburg, HRB 16158) gemäß Beschluss der Gesellschafterversammlung vom 30. Januar 1998. Der Vorstand ist für die Dauer von fünf Jahren, gerechnet ab Eintragung der formwechselnden Umwandlung vom 10. März 1998 in das Handelsregister ermächtigt, das Grundkapital der Gesellschaft mit Zustimmung des Aufsichtsrats durch Ausgabe neuer Aktien gegen Bar- oder Sacheinlagen einmalig oder mehrfach, jedoch insgesamt höchstens um einen Nenn- betrag von DM 50.000,-- zu erhöhen (genehmigtes Kapital). Ist nur ein Vorstandsmitglied bestellt, so vertritt es die Gesellschaft allein. Sind mehrere Vorstandsmitglieder bestellt, so wird die Gesellschaft entweder durch zwei Vorstandsmitglieder oder durch ein Vorstandsmitglied zusammen mit einem Prokuristen vertreten. Die Hauptversammlung vom 12. März 1998 hat die Änderung des § 1 (Sitz, bisher Augsburg (AG Augsburg, HRB 94)) der Satzung beschlossen. Ferner wurde geändert: § 8 (Aufsichtsrat). Zu Vorstandsmitgliedern sind bestellt: Dr. Gasser Oswald, Dipl.-Chemiker in Seefeld und Janni Karl, Kaufmann in Inning.	a) 24.4.1998 b) Hofmann Beschluß Bl. 4 SB Neue Satzung Bl. 7 SB
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2					Die Gesellschaft hat im Wege der Nachgründung am 30. März 1998 mit der SIR Stiftung & Co. Industrieholding KG, Seefeld, einen Vertrag betreffend den Erwerb sämtlicher Geschäftsanteile der ESPE Dental-Medizin Verwaltungsgesellschaft mbH mit dem Sitz in Seefeld sowie einen Vertrag betreffend den Erwerb der gesamten Kommanditbeteiligung an der Kommanditgesellschaft in Firma ESPE Dental-Medizin GmbH & Co. KG mit dem Sitz in Seefeld abgeschlossen.	11.4.7.1998 <i>W</i> Kellerer b) Vertrag Bl. 17 SB Beschluß Bl. 19 SB
3					Die Hauptversammlung hat am 05. Mai 1998 zugestimmt.	
4					Die Hauptversammlung vom 31. Juli 1998 hat die Änderung des § 10 Einberufung und Beschlußfassung des Aufsichtsrats) und 12 (Ort der Einberufung) der Satzung beschlossen.	14.9.1998 <i>W</i> Kellerer b) Beschluß Bl. 25 SB Neue Satzung Bl. 28 SB
5					Die "MP Medizinische Produkte GmbH" mit dem Sitz in Vertingen (AG Augsburg HRB 10260) ist auf Grund des Verschmelzungsvertrags vom 31. Juli 1998 und des Beschlusses ihrer Gesellschafterversammlung vom 31. Juli 1998 sowie des Beschlusses der Gesellschafterversammlung der übertragenden Gesellschaft vom 31. Juli 1998 mit der Gesellschaft verschmolzen.	15.11.1998 <i>W</i> Kellerer d) Verschmelzungsvertrag Bl. 25 SB Beschlüsse Bl. 23, 25 SB
6	In Vertingen ist eine Zweigniederlassung unter der Firma "ESPE Dental AG Betrieb Vertingen" errichtet. (AG Augsburg HRB 16686)					11.12.1998 <i>W</i> Hartmann

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 10.750.000.--

Die Hauptversammlung vom 16. November 1998 hat die Erhöhung des Grundkapitals um 30.650.000.-- DM auf 30.750.000.-- DM und die Änderung des § 5 (Höhe und Einteilung des Grundkapitals) der Satzung beschlossen.

Es handelt sich um eine Kapitalerhöhung aus Gesellschaftsmitteln.
 Ferner wurde geändert:
 § 14 (Beschlussfassung und Stimmrecht).

Die Hauptversammlung vom 12. März 2001 hat die Änderung des § 1 (Firma) der Satzung beschlossen.

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 Neue Satzung
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