

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report November 2, 2004
(Date of earliest event reported)

DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC
(Exact name of Company as specified in charter)

Delaware	0-16211	39-1434669
(State of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

221 West Philadelphia Street, York, Pennsylvania	17405
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

(717) 845-7511
(Company's telephone number including area code)

Item 5.02. - Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 5.02, " Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers."

On November 2, 2004, the Company appointed Mr. Eric K. Brandt to serve as a member of the Company's Board of Directors with his initial term expiring at the 2005 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The announcement that was released related to this appointment is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01. - Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Financial Statements - Not applicable.

(b) Exhibits:

99.1 The announcement related to the appointment of Mr. Eric K. Brandt to the Company's Board of Directors released on November 2, 2004 as referenced in Item 5.02.

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/ Bret W. Wise
Bret W. Wise
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 5, 2004

DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL NAMES
ERIC K. BRANDT AS DIRECTOR

York, PA - November 2, 2004 - DENTSPLY International Inc. (NASDAQ-XRAY) today announced that Mr. Eric K. Brandt has been appointed to serve as a member of the Board of Directors with his initial term expiring at the 2005 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Mr. Brandt is the Executive Vice President, Finance, Strategy and Corporate Development, Chief Financial Officer of Allergan, Inc., an Irvine, California based global specialty pharmaceutical company with 2003 revenues of approximately \$1.8 billion.

Mr. Brandt joined Allergan in May 1999. In addition to his responsibilities as Principal Financial Officer, Mr. Brandt served as President of the Consumer Eye Care Business during 2001. Prior to joining Allergan, he was Vice President and Partner at Boston Consulting Group, and a senior member of the BCG Health Care practice. At BCG, Mr. Brandt was involved in high level consulting engagements with top global pharmaceutical, managed care and medical device companies, focusing on corporate finance, shareholder value and post-merger integration.

Mr. Brandt earned his Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his Master of Business Administration degree from the Harvard Business School. He currently serves on the Board of Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Mr. Gary Kunkle, DENTSPLY's Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "Our Company is very pleased to have someone of Mr. Brandt's experience and talent joining our Board of Directors."

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DENTSPLY designs, develops, manufactures and markets a broad range of products for the dental market. The Company believes that it is the world's leading manufacturer and distributor of dental prosthetics, precious metal dental alloys, dental ceramics, endodontic instruments and materials, prophylaxis paste, dental sealants, ultrasonic scalers, and crown and bridge materials; the leading United States manufacturer and distributor of dental handpieces, dental x-ray film holders, film mounts and bone substitute/grafting materials; and a leading worldwide manufacturer or distributor of dental injectible anesthetics, impression materials, orthodontic appliances, dental cutting instruments and dental implants. The Company distributes its dental products in over 120 countries under some of the most well established brand names in the industry. DENTSPLY is committed to the development of innovative, high quality, cost-effective new products for the dental market.

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