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One of the World's Largest Dental Laboratories Establishes U.S. Dental Lab Network: Modern Dental Laboratory USA

BELLEVUE, Wash.-Sept. 9, 2009—One of the world's largest dental laboratories is making its mark in the United States today, the result of a three-U.S.-market merger that will operate under the name **Modern Dental Laboratory USA** as its domestic distribution arm, announced Chief Executive Officer Patrick Tessier.

Tessier, former chief executive officer of Bellevue, Wash.-based Northwest Laboratories, the Northwest's regional distributor for Shenzhen, China-based Modern Dental Laboratory, merged his company with two other importers of the international laboratory's products in Los Angeles (formerly Koga Enterprises) and Chicago (formerly Modern Dental Laboratory - Chicago) to make the new domestic operation. The newly formed company casts a far-reaching service network, brings world-class product standards and raises the bar for its stateside dental clients.

Seeking to establish an exclusive, national operation for Modern Dental Laboratory's, Tessier, a mechanical engineer with an MBA and expert in global manufacturing, applied the formula of his successful, six-year-old Northwest Laboratories enterprise to serve as a template to grow a national operation. Bellevue will be headquarters to **Modern Dental Laboratory USA** as well as the Seattle service center, while Los Angeles and Chicago regional service centers set the stage for rapid domestic growth. This distribution arm illustrates a unique business model: Regional service centers accountable under a single, privately held company, and its laboratory is not only centralized, it exceeds international quality standards that are third-party verified.

"In just six years, Northwest Laboratories became the largest dental laboratory in the Northwest; we quickly amassed a large clientele by understanding that our dental partners depend on a world class product every time backed by reliable, exceptional service," Tessier said. "Now we're taking the business model nationwide; from consulting dentists and certified dental technicians, to client concierges, all are experts in their respective fields."

Modern Dental Laboratory USA's overseas laboratory operates under rigid global standards that exceed those of the Food and Drug Administration, notably the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 13485, the international standard in quality management for medical device manufacturing. The Shenzhen-based lab, established in 1976 with an academically structured training program, is centered on highly controlled, documented processes that lend well to the disciplines of the ISO. The overseas campus employs almost 3,000 technicians to serve its many, many clients in Europe, North America, Australia and Asia.

Modern Dental Laboratory USA provides all types of dental restorations, using the finest FDA 510k approved materials with exceptional hand craftsmanship and precision work to produce consistent high quality with competitive turn-around time and fee structure. Learn more about **Modern Dental Laboratory USA** and its worldwide network in a [Dentaltown magazine](#) feature written by Benjamin Lund, editor, called "Over There," in the Sept. edition. For more information, contact the company at 877-711-8778, [online](#) (www.moderndentalusa.com), or via e-mail at info@moderndentalUSA.com.

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