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Astek Group plc ('Astek' or 'the Company')
Trading update

Astek Group plc, the AIM-traded dental equipment designer, manufacturer and distributor, announces a trading update on its second quarter's trading to 30 September 2007.

The Company continues to build on its position as a leading provider of innovative products to the worldwide dental industry, developing its product portfolio and expanding into new markets via worldwide distribution agreements. Astek maintains a strong pipeline of new business opportunities for its portfolio of over 200 dentistry products and continues to look for ways of increasing its market share.

However sales of its proprietary disposable air water syringe system Pro-Tip Plus in the USA, via its distribution partner, Sultan Healthcare ("Sultan HC"), have not been as strong as anticipated. Accordingly, sales of Pro-Tip Plus in FY2008 will be below market expectations and will impact the Company's performance. The decrease in the USA sales can be attributed to the structural change within Sultan HC and subsequent reduction of sales force after it acquired Sultan Dental Ltd. However in June 2007 Sultan HC was sold to the world's largest dentist company, Dentsply International Inc, and is now under new management, which the Directors are confident will have a positive impact on Pro-Tip Plus sales figures.

Sales of Pro-Tip Plus in Europe have performed according to forecast, with stronger than expected growth in Germany. Through its distribution partner network, the Company aims to expand into new international markets including other European markets as well as the South American and Japanese markets.

Astek continues to strengthen its portfolio of dentistry products. In line with this the Company is marketing its portfolio of products and expanding its strategic distribution partner network. As referred to in the Company's final results in February 2007 Astek signed an exclusive three-year worldwide distribution agreement with Lascod SPA, a leading Italian manufacturer of dental consumables, to distribute the Company's Alma Alginate Syringe. This product allows dentists to accurately place impression material into difficult to reach areas of the mouth. Initial feedback of sales progress from Lascod for the Alma Alginate Syringe to date has been promising.

Going forward, the Company is in negotiations with various industry specialists and distributors in relation to a number of its dental products including the Safety Local Anaesthetic Syringe System ('Safety Syringe') and Sharps Box. The manufacture of the Safety Syringe, expected to be one of Astek's leading products, designed to reduce the risk of needle stick industry, and the Sharps Box, which safely disposes of the contaminated needles, are both now commissioned. Furthermore, Astek has been in discussions with other potential worldwide distributors regarding its innovative Bite Relator System. This patented system allows dentists and technicians to improve the quality and accuracy of crown and bridge impressions and models with improved impression trays and by standardising laboratory procedures. The Company will update the market with further developments in due course.

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Astek Group plc, listed on AIM October 2006, supplies consumables and technical equipment to dentists in the UK and internationally, which significantly enhance the safety and effectiveness of day-to-day patient care. It has an extensive portfolio in the region of products, including prosthetic products for dentures, consumable products for general use, and new innovative products relating to cross infection. It has an established research and development team with a number of exciting products currently being brought to the market.

The Company aims to build on its position as a leading provider of innovative products to the dental industry both nationally and worldwide. It hopes to achieve this by investing in the marketing and distribution of its existing products, developing new innovative products and seeking synergistic acquisitions.