

SDI Limited receives Innovation Grant

SDI Limited, in a joint collaboration with the UNSW Australia and the University of Sydney, is pleased to announce that Australian Research Council has approved funding of \$360,000 (spread over 3 years) through their Linkage Programme. Lead by UNSW Australia the project will investigate the use of advanced photonic and micro-mechanical techniques to design next generation dental materials.

As the industry partner in this collaboration, SDI will work to develop an alternative dental restorative to the use of amalgam restorations.

Tooth coloured dental composites are now considered the material of choice for the restoration of teeth, particularly in the Western World, however the strength and toughness of these materials are less than ideal for posterior (rear) teeth.

This project is designed to develop alternative materials that can provide the strength and characteristics of amalgam which are aesthetic in nature, low cost and allow for ease of use by dentists.

Using advanced photonic and micro-mechanical techniques to optimise the restorative material will also enhance SDI's Research and Development capabilities to deliver superior dental materials.

SDI is primarily involved in the research and development, manufacturing and marketing of innovative dental materials. Founded in 1972, the Company has grown to become a world leader in the dental market with expertise in restorative material, tooth whitening and adhesives. SDI is renowned for its ionglassTM manufacturing technology leading to the development of unique brands including the Riva range of products. Pola, SDI's innovative whitening system has accumulated more than 15 years of clinical success worldwide and enjoys significant brand equity globally. All of SDI's products are designed and manufactured in Victoria, Australia. With offices and warehouses in USA, Germany, and Brazil, SDI's products are distributed to over 100 countries worldwide.

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