

MODERN DENTAL GROUP LIMITED 現代牙科集團有限公司



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ABOUT THIS REPORT

Modern Dental Group Limited (the "Company"), together with its subsidiaries (the "Group"), is pleased to present the first Environmental, Social and Governance Report 2016 (the "Report") to provide an overview of our commitment to achieving environmental, social and governance goals through our sustainability pillars. The Report is prepared by the Group with the assistance by an external professional service firm.

PREPARATION BASIS AND SCOPE

This Report is prepared in accordance with Appendix 27 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") – "Environmental, Social and Governance Reporting Guide" and has complied with the "comply or explain" provisions as set out in the Listing Rules.

This Report summarizes the effort contributed by the Group in respect of corporate social responsibility in 2016, covering its principal activities in the production and distribution of dental prosthetic devices. As it is the first time for the company to publish of the Report, it does not contain all recommended disclosures. The Group will continue to optimize and improve the extent of disclosure. This Report shall be published in both Chinese and English. Should there be any discrepancy between the Chinese and the English versions, the English version shall prevail.

REPORTING PERIOD

This Report demonstrates our sustainability initiatives during the reporting period from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The Group welcomes your feedback on this Report for our sustainability initiatives. Please contact us by email to info@moderndentallab.com.

INTRODUCTION

The Group is a leading global dental prosthetic device provider with a focus on providing custom-made prostheses to customers in the growing prosthetics industry. Our product portfolio is broadly categorized into three product lines: fixed prosthetic devices, such as crowns and bridges; removable prosthetic devices, such as removable dentures; and other devices, such as orthodontic devices, sports guards and anti-snoring devices. Our success in this industry is rooted in our global proprietary sales and distribution network which we established through a series of strategic acquisitions of our former distributors. Our sales and distribution network provides us with direct access to customers, including dentists, dental clinics, hospitals, distributors and other customers, in key prosthetics markets around the globe, allowing us to promote our products in a targeted manner and to better satisfy the needs and preferences of our diverse global customer base.

The Group has a global portfolio of respected brands, including Labocast, Permadental and Elysee in Western Europe, Yangzhijing in China, Modern Dental in Hong Kong, Modern Dental USA in the United States, and Southern Cross Dental in Australia. We have grown these brands by providing premium and consistent quality products and superior customer service.

The Group has recognized the importance of sustainable development. In order to respond to growing trends on the expectation of the stakeholders on the corporate responsibility performance, the Group is committed to the responsible operation and value creation for stakeholders and community by integrating environmental and social factors into management considerations. Sustainability strategy is based on the compliance with the legal requirements applicable to us and opinions from stakeholders. Sustainability is crucial for the Group's growth in order to achieve business excellence and enhance capabilities for long-term competitiveness. The Group has established and implemented various policies to manage and monitor the risks related to the environment, employment, operating practices and community. Details of the management approaches to sustainable development of different areas are illustrated in this Report.

STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT

The Group opens up communication with its stakeholders, including employees, consumers and distributors, investors, suppliers and the community, through utilizing different channels as listed the table below. Through the stakeholders engagement, the Group understands the expectations and concerns of stakeholders. The feedbacks obtained through these channels allow the Group to further formulate the sustainable development strategy.

Stakeholders	Issues of concern	Engagement channels
Government	To comply with the lawsProper tax payment	 Work conferences Work reports preparation and submission for approval Annual and quarterly reports Website
Shareholders and investors	 Low risk Return on the investment Information disclosure and transparency Protection of interests and fair treatment of shareholders 	 Annual general meeting and other shareholder meetings Annual, quarterly reports, announcements and circulars Non-deal roadshows, investors conference
Employees	 Safeguard the rights and interests of employees Working environment Career development opportunities Occupational health and safety 	ConferenceTraining, seminars, briefing sessionsEmployee activities
Customers	 Safe and high-quality products Stable relationship Integrity Reputation, brands and market demands 	Regular meetingsEmails, phone callsCustomer feedback formsIndustry exhibitionsSite visits
Suppliers/Partners	Long-term partnershipHonest cooperationFair, openInformation resources sharingRisk reduction	 Business meetings, supplier conferences, phone calls, interviews Regular meetings Review and assessment Tendering process
Peer/Industry associations	Experience sharingCorporationsFair competition	Industry conferencesSite visits and field trips
Market regulators	Compliance with the law and regulationsInformation disclosure	Annual and quarterly reports,announcements and circularsSeminars
Public and communities	Community involvementCareer opportunitiesSocial responsibilities	VolunteeringCharity and social investment

ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS

EMISSIONS

The Group's manufacturing operations are subject to national laws and local regulations, as well as periodic monitoring by relevant local government environmental protection authorities. Under such laws and regulations, if we are found to have engaged in activities that severely polluted or endangered the environment, the relevant authorities may impose penalties on us, as well as requiring it to restore the environment or remedy the effects of the pollution. Any failure to so restore or remedy within the prescribed time could result in the termination of its business. Furthermore, under relevant laws and regulations, we are required to control and reduce the level of any pollution or any other harm to the environment that may be caused by the production, distribution and import of our products within the respective countries where we operate. The Group complies with related laws and regulations, including Environment Protection Law of the PRC, the Environmental Impact Assessment Law of the PRC, Administrative Regulations on Environmental Protection for Development Projects and the Measures for the Administration of Examination and Approval of Environmental Protection Facility of Construction Projects in the PRC, Federal Soil Protection Act (BBodSchG) in Germany, and are likely subject to the Activities Decree (Activiteitenbesluit) in the Netherlands. The Group is not aware of any material non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations relating to air emissions, greenhouse gas emissions, discharges into water and land, and generation of hazardous and non-hazardous waste during the reporting period.

The Group has established "Environmental Facilities Operation and Management System" and implemented corresponding procedures in order to monitor the emissions generated by the Group.

Air Pollutant and Greenhouse Gas Emission

Air pollutant emission is monitored and mitigated by the installation of emission control devices. Cleaner fuel is used in the production center in order to reduce the air pollutants emission. Moreover, the risks associated with climate change are real and warrant action. Increasing carbon emissions in the atmosphere are having a warming effect. We are committed to taking positive action to tackle climate change and are dedicated to reducing the risk in the most efficient way for society. The Group is taking action by implementing energy saving initiatives as mentioned in the section "Use of resources".

Wastewater

Industrial wastewater produced by the production base of the Group is collectively delivered to and treated by our onsite sewage treatment facility before discharging. The sewage treatment is in compliance with relevant local regulations and national requirements, and has no significant impact on the surrounding environment.

Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Wastes

Solid wastes and liquid wastes are generated at various stages of the manufacturing process, including waste ceramic blocks, plaster residues, acidic solution, empty paint cans and batteries. The Group has a strict classification system for different types of wastes. Each type of waste has specific storage location and collection procedures. There is a precaution implemented for the leakage of waste to prevent pollution. Wastes are separately stored and handled with the ledger for record. The Group engages qualified recycling companies to perform waste disposal and treatment so as to minimize the impact on nature.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS

USE OF RESOURCES

As stipulated in "Energy Resource Control Procedure", the Group strives to improve the efficiency of energy, water and other material consumption, such as "Energy Resource Control Procedure". In our daily operation, fuel, electricity, water and paper are the major resource consumption.

In view of the scarcity of resources, the Group has implemented measures on the efficient use of resources. For example, air conditioner operating temperature is set within a reasonable range. Lights and electrical appliance should be turned off before leaving the room. The performance on energy saving of the equipment is one of the key criteria in the procurement process. Water pipes and taps are checked regularly to detect leaks. We consistently seek ways to improve energy efficiency and reduce electricity consumption in our facilities.

THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Environmental friendly production not only mitigates the impact to the environment but also increase the efficiency and conserve resources. Our production center in Shenzhen promotes sustainable development by enhancement of production design, use of cleaner energy and raw materials, utilization of resources and reduction of emission during the production process. When we design the production process, we use non-toxic, non-hazardous raw materials when possible, utilize and reuse wastes and sewage generated and consider the impacts of the life cycle of the product to the environment and human health. During the process of procurement, production or sales, the consumption of raw material is strictly monitored and the emission from the production also strictly controlled.

EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR PRACTICES

EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR STANDARDS

The Group has established and implemented a set of human resources management policies and procedures in place with the aim to provide good and safe working environment to its staff. Each division has their "Employee Handbook" sets out the standards for compensation and dismissal, recruitment and promotion, working hours, rest periods, equal opportunity, diversity, anti-discrimination. The Group complies with laws and regulation relating to employment, including but not limited to Labour Contract Law of the PRC and the Law on Social Insurances. The Group is not aware of any material noncompliance with related laws and regulations during the reporting period.

Equal Opportunity

The Group is an equal opportunity employer. We value the diversity of our workforce and respect the differences between employees, recognizing that each employee has individual skills and attributes to bring to their job. Members of disadvantaged groups have equal access to opportunities for employment and education.

Anti-discrimination, Harassment and Bullying

The Group also ensures that employees have the right to work in an environment that is free of discrimination, harassment and bullying. Discrimination, harassment and bullying will not be tolerated under any circumstances and disciplinary action will be taken against any employee who discriminates, harasses or bullies against employee or client, or who victimizes or retaliates against a person who has complained of discrimination, harassment or bullying.

If it does occur, employees have a right to complain and not be disadvantaged in the employment conditions or opportunities as a result of lodging a complaint or bearing witness to a complaint. All complaints will be treated seriously, impartially, sympathetically and confidentially. In all cases, it is essential that all persons concerned maintain complete confidentiality in order to protect the parties involved.

Any violation of applicable laws and regulations shall be reported to management for extensive investigation according to the Group's internal guidelines and codes. Relevant departments will be notified to carry out remedial actions in case any non-compliance is identified during investigation.

Child Labor

Child labor is strictly forbidden in the Group as stipulated in the "Regulation on Prohibition of Child Labor". Candidate under the age of 16 is not allowed to work in the Group. If child labor is found, the Group will stop the child from working immediately, confirm he/she is safe in the workplace and send he/she back to his/her home. All the travel expense will be borne by the Group.

SOCIAL ASPECTS

Employee welfare

The wellness of employee affects their performance. In order to promote work-life balance, the Group has also organized various of activities for employees. For example, annual dinner, leisure trips, sports and singing competitions.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Group recognizes that it is our responsibility to provide a safe and healthy workplace for all staff, contractors and visitors. To ensure the wellbeing of others, we are committed to:

- · Identifying, evaluating and controlling factors within the workplace, which may cause or potentially cause injury or health issues;
- · Providing safe equipment and systems of work;
- Providing written procedures and instructions to ensure safe systems of work;
- Ensuring compliance with legislative requirements and industry standards; and
- Providing information, instruction, training and supervision where appropriate to staff, contractors and visitors to ensure their safety.

The Group and our subsidiaries have adopted certain administrative guidelines on occupational health and safety in the workplace. Operational manuals and safety guidelines on production procedures are also implemented regarding the safe operation of production equipment and machinery, devices, chemicals and wax and casting lines during the production process. We have also adopted emergency response procedures depending on the severity of the incident. We require new employees to participate in safety training to familiarize themselves with the relevant safety rules and procedures. We appoint qualified consulting firms to conduct an on-site safety assessment and hazard identification. The Group complies with related laws and regulations, such as Law of the People's Republic of China on the Prevention and Control of Occupational Diseases. During the reporting period, the Group is not aware of any material non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations relating to providing a safe working environment and protecting employees from occupational hazards.

DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

The Group is committed to providing all employees with training and development opportunities and endeavors to ensure that employees keep learning and developing within our business. In the dynamic industry in which we work, it is essential to maintain and develop skills to ensure that we provide our customers with superior service and to ensure that employees develop to their full potential. Learning and professional development are important parts of the employment. The Group provides different kinds of trainings to employees, such as new employee training, outward bound training, management training and technical skill training.

Career development is encouraged through continuing professional development, formal training and opportunities for on-the-job experience. Employees are encouraged to, wherever possible, gain well-rounded experience and development within the organization.

OPERATING PRACTICES

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Our principal raw materials include alloys, ceramics and dental resins. We procure our raw materials from multiple suppliers in China, Europe and the United States. The majority of our raw materials are produced by well-recognized dental material manufacturers in Europe and the United States.

We procure raw materials from well-recognized dental material suppliers. For example, we procure dental alloys and ceramics from leading dental material suppliers selling a comprehensive range of dental products worldwide. Although we have long-term business relationship with many of our suppliers, we do not have long-term procurement contracts with them. For most of our raw materials, such as ceramic, we receive their unit price annually and procure the corresponding materials under the provided unit price. For alloy, the price for each order is negotiated based on market conditions. As most of our materials are replaceable with comparable products from alternative suppliers, we believe we can promptly secure enough material supply if our suppliers fail to fulfill our orders.

The Group recognizes that the conduct and behavior of our suppliers, vendors and contractors can affect – both positively and negatively – the quality of our products, the lives of people in local communities, as well as our reputation and ability to operate effectively. We expect and demand that our supply chain partners uphold the Group's principles of ethical business conduct and respect for human rights. We strive to do business only with those suppliers who share these principles.

To strengthen the management of the social and environmental risks of suppliers, the procurement department is responsible for monitoring and evaluating the social responsibility performance of suppliers. We required our suppliers (i) to confirm that it has complied with all local laws and regulations, (ii) to establish and maintain stringent quality assurance systems throughout their production processes and be able to provide timely support in the event that incoming raw materials do not meet our quality standards and (iii) to observe U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("**FDA**"), CE, Chinese State Food and Drug Administration ("**SFDA**") or other relevant certification requirements depending on the intended market destination. The procurement department holds periodic reviews/evaluation of quality and certificates with our suppliers, with a view to improving the entire quality assurance procedures. The Group maintains a long-term relationship with suppliers based on the result of supplier assessment. For more details about our quality control on procurement and production processes, please refer to section of "Quality Control".

SOCIAL ASPECTS

PRODUCT RESPONSIBILITY

Achieving and maintaining a high-quality standard for products are utmost important for the sustainable growth of the Group. The production process of the products is controlled and monitored regularly in order to ensure we deliver high-quality products to our customers. The Group has been in strict compliance with local laws and regulations, such as Law of the PRC on Product Quality, Regulations on Medical Devices and the Administrative Measures for the Registration of Medical Devices in the PRC, and the requirements under European Union's Medical Device Directive. During the reporting period, the Group is not aware of any material non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations in relation to the product responsibility.

Quality Control

Quality control is crucial for us to maintain our competitiveness in the market. The Group has established "Product Quality Control Procedure". The Group has a dedicated quality assurance team at each production facility and digital production center to examine the finished products before shipment. Our quality assurance team have experience in the industry in which we operate.

Quality assurance procedures are carried out at various stages of the production process, including incoming, in-process and outgoing stages. We establish quality assurance standards for individual customers and evaluate such standards on a continuous basis with customers. To closely monitor the production processes, each of the product groups has a quality control team consisting of experienced technicians and supervisors.

The incoming quality control team and sourcing team work together to inspect incoming raw materials used in our prosthesis production processes. We require our raw materials suppliers to establish and maintain stringent quality assurance systems throughout their production processes and be able to provide timely support in the event that incoming raw materials do not meet our quality standards. Our raw materials suppliers observe FDA, CE, Chinese SFDA or other relevant certification requirements depending on the intended market destination.

In our centralized production facilities in Shenzhen, our in-process quality control team is responsible for quality assurance inspection at various stages of the prosthesis production process. We perform quality checks at the end of every stage of production process to ensure that the semi-finished prosthesis meets all the relevant quality standards before we begin the next stage of the process. We also implement comprehensive in-process quality control checklists throughout the entire production process and record traceable information to identify and address issues.

Finished prosthesis products undergo further quality assurance examination before they are shipped to our customers. Products that do not meet our quality standards are returned to production facilities or digital production center for repairs or recycled based on the level of defects. In addition, our quality assurance team located in our service centers samples the incoming products to ensure that our quality meets or exceeds customer expectations.

Both of our centralized production facilities in Shenzhen as well as our digital production centre in Germany have received ISO 9001:2008 certification for quality management system and ISO 13485:2003 for medical device manufacturing. The ISO 13485:2003 certification is an international standard in quality management for medical device manufacturing, and it specifies requirements for a quality management system where we need to demonstrate our ability to provide medical devices and related services that consistently meet customer requirements and regulatory requirements. The ISO 9001:2008 standard provides a tried and tested framework for taking a systemic approach to managing our processes so that we consistently turn out products that satisfy customers' expectations.

Customer Service Management

We hold periodic quality reviews with our customers, with a view to improving the entire quality assurance procedures. All cases are tracked digitally, with a unique case number that identifies the technicians involved in fabrication, time of day completed, and the lot numbers of the materials used. This data helps us to determine the cause of any non-conformance of our product if we receive complaints from our customers.

Customer Experience Innovation

During the reporting period, the Company won the "Metro Awards for Service Excellence 2016 – Award for Excellent Dental Service" from Metro Daily and Prosperity in recognition of its premium services, successful trade practices and strategies. In order to enhance our service quality and serve clients' needs effectively, the Company will launch its own app on mobile phones so as to reach clients directly through an app on mobile phones. Through the app, our customer service team will answer clients' enquiries and collect their opinions, and the clients will also be able to monitor progress in their cases. For example, dentists can send the electronic lab sheet to us through the app. In the meantime, we can send them back the 3-D images of how the dental prosthesis will look like when the design is done so that the dentists and his clients can preview the rendering and decide to go ahead or make any adjustments. This app will enable us to raise the efficiency of our services and enhance product quality.

In the future, the Company will continue to focus on strengthening sales channels around the world, especially in China. We will also allocate more resources to the digitization of medicine, namely intraoral scanning and 3-D dental printing technology in order to bring more new experience to its clients.

Furthermore, Southern Cross Dental (Ireland), one of our respected brands, was awarded "Website of the Year (less than 25 employees)" in the "FMC Dental Industry Award 2016", in recognition of its effort in providing an easy-to-navigate website as well as a dedicated online portal to dental professionals. By considering its effective customer engagement programme, Southern Cross Dental (Ireland) was also a finalist for the "Best Loyalty Scheme" award.

Product warranties

The Group provides standard product warranties that are consistent with the industry practices in the relevant geographic markets. The warranty period ranges from one year to five years from the date of delivery depending on the product and the market. The prosthetic device is guaranteed to fit the provided model and to be constructed to the design requested on the prescription form. The prosthetic device will be repaired or remade at no charge if the workmanship or material is faulty. In order to offer timely repair, our local collection points or support centers will handle minor discrepancies where possible.

SOCIAL ASPECTS

Customer Information Protection and Privacy

The Group will only collect personal information ethically and lawfully. We also seek to collect information in a fair manner, and in a way which is not unreasonably intrusive. If collecting personal information on behalf of the Group, employees must inform the person involved of the purpose for which information is collected and that subject to some limitations they will be able to gain access to the information collected on request. We will take reasonable steps to protect personal information; to ensure that data is appropriately accurate, complete and current; and stored no longer than necessary.

Employee must ensure that the confidentiality of personal information contained in company records is strictly maintained. Personal information relating to individuals, including individual employee, should not be provided to other employees unless it is required to perform their jobs.

Information relating to employment records, salaries, addresses cannot be released to external organisations unless required by law, or upon informed consent from the relevant employees.

Any reported breaches of our privacy obligations will be treated seriously and investigated confidentially and objectively, without bias. In the event of an unsatisfactory result from an internal grievance procedure, complaints in respect to privacy can be made to related authorities.

ANTI-CORRUPTION

The Group has taken a number of measures to prevent bribery or kickback by our employees. These measures include organizing internal training programs, implementing an internal policy governing our employees and discussing any reported suspicious incidents at the board meetings. In addition, we adopted "Anti-Corruption and Anti-Bribery Management Policy" and code of conduct for our employees to further improve our anti-bribery practice. The Group has complied with local laws and regulations. The Group complies with relevant laws and regulations, such as False Claims Act in US, Criminal Law of the PRC. During the reporting period, the Group is not aware of any material non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations in relation to bribery, extortion, fraud and money laundering nor any concluded legal cases regarding corrupt practices brought against the issuer or its employees.

In accordance with our internal policy, our employees are prohibited from receiving or giving bribes or otherwise engaging in activities that violate applicable anti-corruption laws. Any payment in excess of HK\$500 must be made by our Company or our subsidiaries to our suppliers or other third parties directly, and may not be made by our employees in their individual capacities unless approved by the respective head of our local finance department in advance.

Moreover, employees are encouraged to submit inquiries or report suspicious behaviors to their supervisors, and supervisors at any level have additional deterrence and detection duties to maintain effective monitoring, review and control procedures that will prevent or detect acts of wrongdoing. Our employees are required to sign a statement acknowledging they have read, and undertaking to abide by, our rules of ethics. Violation of these rules may result in penalties, including termination of employment.

We also have in place a set of ethics and compliance measures designed to prevent our distributors from offering bribes or kickbacks. Before entering distribution relationship with our distributors, we conduct risk-based due diligence and background check and require our distributors to provide appropriate disclosure on their anti-bribery policies and their implementation on an ongoing basis. We also inform our distributors of our commitment to abiding by laws and regulations on the prohibitions against bribery and kickbacks as well as our internal policy and measures on preventing and detecting bribery and kickbacks. In addition, we also seek a reciprocal commitment to not offer bribes and kickbacks from our distributors. Therefore, we believe that the risks of corruption, bribery and other improper conduct by our distributors are minimal.

COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

As a global company, the Group is committed to being a company that cares for the community through engaging in sponsorships, donations, volunteer dental consultation and social services. The Group has adopted "Community Investment Policy", which aims to build trust and stable relationship with our stakeholders. We strive to incorporate values and practices of environmental protection and community care in our operation and make a positive contribution to the society.

The Company has been awarded the "Outstanding Social Caring Organization Award" and "Social Caring Awards for Green Excellence" under the "Future Leadership Summit & Social Caring Pledge Scheme". The Company was also awarded the "Caring Company" by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service. The awards are recognition of the Company's active promotion of its corporate social responsibility and environmental protection responsibility.

In the future, we will continue to be actively involved in various community-oriented activities, further expand the scope and scale our participation, and commit to our social responsibility by taking proactive efforts.

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