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## GC ACQUIRES STICK TECH LTD

GC Europe S.A., the European subsidiary of GC CORPORATION, has signed a purchase agreement on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to acquire the shares of a Finnish dental material producer Stick Tech Ltd. The shareholders selling are Bioxid Ltd, Aura Capital Ltd, Inveni Secondaries Fund and a group of private owners.

The Japanese GC Corporation is one of the world's leading dental product manufacturers with its 54 subsidiaries and sales offices. This year they are celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. With this acquisition GC gets an access to Stick Tech's present R&D projects and gains a unique portfolio of everStick fibre reinforcements to its fine assortment of dental materials.

Stick Tech Ltd was founded in 1997 in Turku, Finland. Since then, it has developed a unique fibre reinforcement composite technology and commercialised a wide range of products for dental applications. These products are under the brand name of everStick. This technology was invented by Professor Pekka Vallittu in 1990's and it has been further developed in collaboration between Stick Tech Ltd and the University of Turku. Stick Tech's everStick fibre reinforcement composite technology is extensively researched and tested by academic professionals in numerous universities globally.

Stick Tech has gradually built up a distribution network in Europe and expanded its sales to other continents as well. everStick products are now sold in more than 40 countries to dentists and dental technicians. The most well known product is everStickC&B for replacing missing teeth.

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