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510(k) Summary

Pursuant to 512(i)(3)(A) of the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, Sterngold is required to submit with this Premarket Notification either an "...adequate summary of any information respecting safety and effectiveness or state that information will be made available upon request of any person." Sterngold chooses to submit a summary of the safety and effectiveness information. The summary is as follows:

Trade Name: **Stern Micro ERA Attachment**

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Registration #2921595

Contact Person: Maria Rao

Device Generic Name: **Micro ERA Precision Attachment**

Classification: According to Section 513 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, the device classification is Class __III__.

Predicate Devices: ***Stern ERA System – 510(k) No. K 913348***

Manufactured by: Sterngold

Product Description: Device consists of a series of nylon male attachments in six variable sizes to provide six levels of retention. The six levels of retention are color coded – white, orange, blue, gray, yellow, and red (in order of increasing degrees of retention). Variations in the degree of retention are incorporated to facilitate requirements of individual patients.
It also includes a black processing (also referred to as fabricating) male that is not used in the mouth for retention of the finished denture, but only used as a tool to incorporate the final snap-in male into the finished dental appliance.
A resin female is also incorporated in this system, along with stainless steel and titanium alloy instruments.

Indications for Use: Device is a resilient retention device for dental prosthesis that can be used in restorations of removable dentures.

Safety and Performance:

This submission is a Special 510(k): Abbreviated 510(k) as described in FDA's guidance document entitled "The New 510(k) Paradigm - Alternate Approaches to Demonstrating Substantial Equivalence in Premarket Notifications." In support of this 510(k), Sterngold has provided information to demonstrate conformity with FDA's guidance document entitled Premarket Notification 510(k): Regulatory Requirements for Medical Devices.

Conclusion:

Based on the indications for use, technological characteristics, and comparison to predicate devices, the Stern Micro ERA System has been shown to be safe and effective for its intended use.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Sterngold
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Re: K020391
Trade/Device Name: Stern Micro Era Attachment System
Regulation Number: 872.3640 and 872.3165
Regulation Name: Endosseous Implant, Precision Attachment
Regulatory Class: III
Product Code: DZE and EGG
Dated: January 31, 2002
Received: February 6, 2002

Dear Ms. Rao:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) premarket notification of intent to market the device referenced above and have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to legally marketed predicate devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act) that do not require approval of a premarket approval application (PMA). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 898. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register.

Please be advised that FDA's issuance of a substantial equivalence determination does not mean that FDA has made a determination that your device complies with other requirements of the Act or any Federal statutes and regulations administered by other Federal agencies.

You must comply with all the Act's requirements, including, but not limited to: registration and listing (21 CFR Part 807); labeling (21 CFR Part 801); good manufacturing practice requirements as set forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820); and if applicable, the electronic product radiation control provisions (Sections 531-542 of the Act); 21 CFR 1000-1050.

This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your Section 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801 and additionally 21 CFR Part 809.10 for in vitro diagnostic devices), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4613. Additionally, for questions on the promotion and advertising of your device, please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4639. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21CFR Part 807.97). Other general information on your responsibilities under the Act may be obtained from the Division of Small Manufacturers, International and Consumer Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its Internet address http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsma/dsmamain.html

Sincerely yours,

Timothy A. Ulatowski
Director
Division of Dental, Infection Control
and General Hospital Devices
Office of Device Evaluation
Center for Devices and
Radiological Health

Enclosure

510(k) Number (if known): _____

Device Name: Stern Micro ERA Attachment System

Indications for Use:

The Stern Micro ERA System is a resilient retention device for dental prosthesis, designed to be used in restoration of removable dentures. Reduced in size by 20% to allow additional space when constructing dental restorations, these attachments maintain the same functionality and ease of use as well as esthetic improvements.

(PLEASE DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE - CONTINUE ON ANOTHER PAGE IF NEEDED)

Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

Prescription Use ✓ OR Over-the -Counter Use ____
(Per 21 CFR 801.109)

(Division Sign-Off)
Division of Dental, Infection Control,
and General Hospital Devices
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