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TOPTICA-USA Promotes a New President/CEO Mark A. Tolbert to serve as president and CEO.

TOPTICA Photonics, Inc.(TPI) a leading laser manufacturer, promoted Mark Tolbert as their new president and chief executive officer effective October 1, 2007. Mr. Tolbert will develop and manage all aspects of their operations in the United States. He will also join the TPI board of directors.

"We are excited to have Mark accept the leadership role and partner in the US," said Wilhelm Kaenders, president of Toptica Photonics, AG. "Mark's vision to create a full service organization moving from our distribution model of the past is exactly what our customers and our global business needs".

"Joining TOPTICA has been a tremendous opportunity. As researchers and businesses become more aware of our expertise and willingness to become a strategic partner, they see a unique value proposition that only TOPTICA can offer," said Mark Tolbert, newly appointed Chief Executive Officer. "Both research and industry are facing greater challenges in order to be more responsive to both scientific and business needs, and I believe TOPTICA is the right company to help address these challenges. This is a company with a rich history that is synonymous with technology development, and has a strong vision for the future of laser technology. I am looking forward to continue working with the team at TOPTICA to help our customers reach new levels of research as well as bring this technology to industrial levels".

Mr. Tolbert went on to say: "The Board of Directors wishes to express its sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Alain Bourdon, who served as the Company's Chief Executive Officer since 2002. We appreciate his aggressive drive during the growth period. We are truly indebted to Alain for his commitment and hard work."



Mark A. Tolbert

Mr. Tolbert has been TOPTICA's director of OEM laser sales and was previously employed at EXFO Burleigh Products Group and Germanow Simon Corporation, plastic optics division as well as Aurora Systems. His responsibilities included sales & marketing leadership and international business development.

TOPTICA develops, manufactures, services and distributes technology-leading diode and fiber lasers and laser systems for scientific and industrial applications. Sales and service is offered worldwide through TOPTICA Germany and TOPTICA USA, as well as all through 13 distributors. A key point of the company philosophy is the close cooperation between development and research to meet our customers' demanding requirements for sophisticated customized system solutions and their subsequent commercialization.