

Press Release

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**SPI Lasers**

**(“SPI” or “the Company”)**

**SPI Lasers announces increased applications capability**

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2009, Southampton, UK, SPI Lasers**, a leading designer and manufacturer of fiber lasers, today announced new investments in facilities, equipment and personnel with respect to fiber laser applications development.

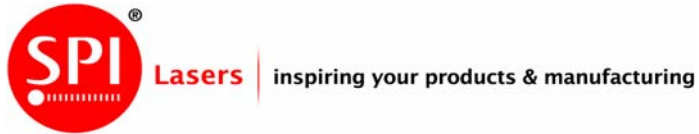
Current market conditions look set to increase the penetration of fiber lasers into material processing applications as the lasers are seen as having lower operational costs whilst offering improved processing, with associated reductions in cycle time and scrap, across a wide range of applications. Perfect laser tools in fact for today's difficult market conditions.

The investment process starts with the appointment of two laser industry experts for the US facility. Mark Brodsky is appointed as Applications Lab Manager (US) and Kevin Ham to Senior Laser Applications Engineer (US) and an expansion of the Applications Lab in Santa Clara, US.

Mark brings with him a wealth of laser applications knowledge and experience which has been gained through his positions as Owner and Founder of LMco Laser Marks Company, Founder and President of Mr Laser Inc. as well as positions within Advanced Micro Devices, Zilog Semiconductor and National Semiconductor Corporation. In addition to his career positions Mark has a host of Technical publications and patents under his belt. Kevin joins SPI's applications team with over 25 years knowledge in lasers in manufacturing applications and engineering most recently from the medical sector.

In addition to the US senior appointments, SPI has also developed its global applications presence by reinforcing its leading position with a new applications lab in the UK and forging close ties with a number of leading application research centers around the globe

David Parker, CEO of SPI Lasers added "Our applications strategy has enabled us to focus on where we want to be. By making new appointments to our Apps team we have ensured we achieve not only our own internal goals but also those of our existing and future customers. Making additional capital spend on expanding our existing lab in the US, a new lab based in the



UK, co-located with our R&D facilities, and forging closer ties with internationally renowned organisations enables us to compete on a global scale with the most advanced technology and most influential/ground breaking organisations behind us."

**For more information on SPI Lasers visit our website [www.spilasers.com](http://www.spilasers.com).**

#### **About SPI Lasers**

SPI Lasers, a wholly owned subsidiary of the TRUMPF Group, is a leading designer and manufacturer of optical fiber-based lasers for use in materials processing applications in a wide range of industries. Headquartered in Southampton, United Kingdom, SPI Lasers has been operating since 2000 and was admitted to AIM on 26 October 2005. SPI Lasers sells its products globally, and has its major business operations, including research and development, and manufacturing, in the United Kingdom, with additional sales and customer support locations in Asia and North America. For more information please visit [www.spilasers.com](http://www.spilasers.com) or for information on TRUMPF [www.trumpf.com](http://www.trumpf.com)

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