



**Press Release**

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**SPI Lasers, LLC**

("SPI" or "the Company")

**SPI Lasers Expands US Team Due to Strong Year in Americas**

**13<sup>th</sup> December 2007, Santa Clara, California, SPI Lasers LLC**, today announced that it has hired two new senior staff members to expand the North American team as the company looks to build on strong growth in 2007. Jim Data joins SPI Lasers as Director of Sales for North and South America and Ken Dzurko joins the Company as Business Development Director.

"We are pleased to welcome Jim and Ken to the SPI Lasers team" said John Tinson, VP of World Wide Sales for SPI Lasers. "SPI have been ramping up activities in North America for the last year. The effects of the increase in activity are now proving their value in terms of good results in the area in 2007. The new G3 and R4 platforms that were recently announced are showing significant growth prospects for 2008."

A Sales Executive with over seventeen years of sales experience, Jim Data has considerable understanding of micro-machining and marking with a long history in lasers and laser applications. Jim is heading up the US team and will be based at the company's US headquarters in Santa Clara, California, with responsibility for Canada, USA, Mexico, Central American and South America.

Ken Dzurko joins SPI following eighteen years in diode laser related experience that included technology advancement and high reliability product development for defence, industrial and communications markets. As the senior executive in the region Ken is responsible for expanding the company's contracts business and supporting business development in all commercial markets.

Also based in Santa Clara, the SPI Lasers Applications Lab has recently announced new applications that expand the proven capabilities of the fiber laser. These new applications for the fiber laser come as a result of the free of charge 'Proof of Principle' trials where device and component manufacturers from around the globe are invited to work with SPI on their own application specific trials. In addition, SPI offer a try before you buy program and SPI provides a progressive program to support academic & not for profit research centres.

Both the proof of concept and try before you buy programs mentioned here can be found by clicking on the SPI web site at [www.spilasers.com](http://www.spilasers.com) and registering your details.



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**Notes to Editors:**

SPI Lasers is a leading designer and manufacturer of optical fiber-based lasers that are currently used in a wide range of industries. The current product family is used to mark, weld, and cut materials used in the manufacture of a range of products.

The platform technology being developed to raise laser power levels for use in the macro manufacturing sectors is expected further to widen the markets served by SPI Lasers to include aerospace, automotive and white goods manufacture.

Among new markets in prospect, as higher-power lasers are deployed, is defence, and SPI Lasers is currently involved in this sector through contracted development work with a number of companies and government agencies.

SPI Lasers has a strong network of international distributors. In Europe the international distributor is BFI Optilas, one of the region's largest distributors of specialist products in the electronics and photonics markets. Outside Europe, SPI Lasers' products are distributed on an exclusive basis in China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand.

Founded in 2000 on technology developed by the University of Southampton's Optoelectronics Research Centre, the business is headquartered in Southampton, United Kingdom.

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