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IPG Photonics Corporation, the leader in fiber lasers, announced today that it opened an office in California headed by Gary Firment, a sales manager with experience in laser materials processing applications. IPG also announced that it will open an applications center in California to better serve West Coast customers.

Firment brings with him over 20 years experience in industrial laser solutions for the aerospace, medical, and semiconductor industries. He has extensive knowledge of laser material processing, industrial laser process development and tooling design. Prior to joining IPG, he was with California Laser. Trained as an electrical engineer, Mr. Firment had many laser-related positions including jobs at Baasel Lasertechnology, Raytheon, Hughes Aircraft, 3T & Associates, and Ebtec/Radcliffe.

"Gary will marry his knowledge of multiple materials processing applications with fiber laser technology and provide new solutions to customers" stated Bill Shiner, Director of Industrial Markets at IPG. "We are delighted that he is now part of our team and I am confident that he will make IPG and its fiber laser technology more visible on the West Coast."

The new IPG office is located in Northridge, California. The phone number there is 818-363-6355.

IPG also stated that it plans a fiber laser application development center in California, similar to its applications centers in Massachusetts and Germany. There, customers can see fiber lasers in action, research their application and IPG can do samples on site.

About IPG Photonics

IPG Photonics has been a global leader for over thirteen years in the design and manufacture of high performance fiber lasers, fiber amplifiers, and Raman pump lasers for materials processing, aerospace, test and measurement, and other commercial applications.

IPG's proprietary technology, materials science expertise and vertically integrated manufacturing operations enable IPG to produce the world's largest range of cost-effective high and low power fiber lasers, and amplifiers with superior efficiency, performance, reliability and quality.

IPG Photonics has its world headquarters in Oxford, Massachusetts and manufacturing facilities and sales operations in Massachusetts, Germany, Russia, Italy, Japan, India, Korea and the United Kingdom. For more information, visit http://www.ipgphotonics.com/. IPGP-G

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