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Fiber Laser Leader Secures more than 100 Key U.S. Photonics Patents from British Telecom

OXFORD, Mass., Feb 26, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- IPG Photonics Corporation (NASDAQ: IPGP), the world leader in high-power fiber lasers and amplifiers, today reported that it has purchased more than 100 key U.S. patents, and their more than 340 foreign counterparts, by acquiring a photonics patent portfolio from British Telecom. This large portfolio includes patents relevant to both current and future photonics components and systems as well as devices and techniques that are commonly used throughout the photonics industry.

The acquired patents concern pioneering research by British Telecom in the field of photonics dating back to the 1990s. The patents are in the fields of optical fiber lasers and amplifiers, semiconductor devices, integrated optics, fiber gratings, high-speed systems and optical networking.

"With the purchase of these important patents, IPG's intellectual property portfolio is unparalleled in the fiber laser field," said Dr. Valentin P. Gapontsev, IPG Photonics' Chief Executive Officer. "These patents cover pioneering work by British Telecom and we are pleased to have secured the rights to technologies that are so pivotal to our industry. These patents complement our strong IP portfolio, including the growing number of pending patent applications that we already have."

Of particular note to IPG in this portfolio are early patents that cover single mode lasers.

About IPG Photonics Corporation

IPG Photonics is the world leader in high-power fiber lasers and amplifiers. Founded in 1990, IPG pioneered the development and commercialization of optical fiber-based lasers for use in a wide range of applications such as materials processing, telecommunications, medical, and scientific and research. Fiber lasers have revolutionized the industry by delivering superior performance, reliability and usability at a lower total cost of ownership compared with conventional lasers, allowing end-users to increase productivity and decrease operating costs. IPG has its headquarters in Oxford, Massachusetts, and has additional plants and offices throughout the world. For more information, please visit www.ipgphotonics.com.

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