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OXFORD, Mass., Jul 23, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- IPG Photonics Corporation (Nasdaq: IPGP) today revised its guidance for the second quarter ended June 30, 2009. The Company anticipates revenues in the range of \$40 to \$41 million and a net loss per share in the range of \$0.03 to \$0.04 for the second quarter of 2009. The Company had previously expected revenue in the range of \$39 to \$45 million and earnings per share in the range of \$0.01 to \$0.07.

"Although we expect to report second-quarter revenue within our original guidance range, we anticipate that earnings per share will be below the range provided on May 5, 2009," said Dr. Valentin Gapontsev, IPG's Chief Executive Officer. "Expected earnings are lower than anticipated due to lower absorption of fixed costs due to a reduction in the level of inventory during the period, as well as greater than anticipated pricing pressures related to the current macro-economic and competitive environments. We expect that pricing pressure will continue as long as the global economic downturn is having a negative effect on sales volumes in the industry. In addition, we increased R&D expenses in the quarter to aggressively accelerate the development of a series of new products. Despite the small loss, IPG generated positive cash flow substantially due to a reduction in inventory levels and lower capital expenditure levels."

"While visibility remains limited, we believe that the Materials Processing market will likely remain soft throughout the remainder of the year," added Gapontsev. "At the same time, we are encouraged that sales of high power lasers increased compared with prior year levels in the otherwise weak Materials Processing market. In addition, it is promising that sales for Medical, Communications and Advanced Applications grew over the second quarter of last year."

"The book to bill ratio for the second quarter exceeded 1:1 for the first time since Q3 2008. Further, our shippable backlog at June 30, 2009 was higher than at the end of the first quarter 2009," concluded Gapontsev.

The Company expects to provide revenue and earnings per share guidance for the third quarter of 2009 when it reports its second-quarter 2009 financial results on August 4, 2009 on a conference call at 10:00 a.m. ET. To listen to a webcast of the call, please visit the Company's website at www.ipgphotonics.com. Individuals may also listen to the call via telephone by dialing (877) 407-5790 or (201) 689-8328. Interested parties unable to participate in the live call may access an archived version of the webcast in the "Investors" section of IPG's website.

About IPG Photonics Corporation

IPG Photonics Corporation 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, advanced applications, telecommunications and medical applications. 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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