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Photonics Systems Group and ESI expand licence agreement towards wafer trimming

Krailling, Germany, 28 October 2020 – The [Photonics Systems Group](#), a market leader in laser systems for micromaterial processing, is expanding its licence agreement with [ESI](#), a manufacturer of laser-based micromanufacturing systems and component test systems. In addition to the exclusive licence rights to the circuit trim product range, the Group also holds the patents for the production, service and support of the wafer trimming systems from November 1st, 2020.

The Photonics Systems Group first acquired the exclusive licence rights for ESI's circuit trim product portfolio back in February. With the signing of the addendum, the US company is now passing on its many years of experience to the Germany-based subject matter expert and is withdrawing from the market segment of laser trimming completely.

This means that all licences and rights for the production, service and support of the entire trimmer portfolio are exclusively in the hands of the Group. The aim of the expanded agreement is now to ensure worldwide service and support for the M350, LT22XX, LT31XX and LT41XX systems and to further develop the product market for the companies within the Group.

“We were keen to ensure that our existing customers received continuous consultation and support,” says John Williams, VP and General Manager of the Equipment & Systems Division at MKS Instruments. “We are pleased that the licence agreement means we can retain our many years of expertise through the Photonics Systems Group and provide our customers with high-quality support.”

“The acquisition of the already established product lines is an extremely valuable opportunity for the Group to further establish ourselves as a manufacturer of wafer and circuit trimming systems,” explains Markus Nicht, CEO of the Photonics Systems Group. “This allows us to significantly strengthen our position in comparison with the competition as an experienced, international company in the European market, and especially the US market.”

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About Photonics Systems Group

The Photonics Systems Group is a market leader in laser systems for micromaterial processing. The Group, comprising the companies InnoLas Solutions, LS Laser Systems and EPP Electronic Production Partners, develops, produces and sells customised machines and process solutions for high-precision laser applications in the photovoltaic, electronics and semiconductor industry. These systems are used by well-known, global customers in the core markets of Europe, the US and Asia. The Group has over 120 employees working at its Group headquarters in Krailling, Germany, as well as in the US and at several sites in Asia. Further information is available [here](#).

About MKS Instruments

MKS Instruments, Inc. is a global provider of instruments, subsystems and process control solutions that measure, monitor, deliver, analyze, power and control critical parameters of advanced manufacturing processes to improve process performance and productivity for its customers. MKS products are derived from its core competencies in pressure measurement and control, flow measurement and control, gas and vapor delivery, gas composition analysis, residual gas analysis, leak detection, control technology, ozone generation and delivery, power, reactive gas generation, vacuum technology, lasers, photonics, sub-micron positioning, vibration control and optics. MKS also provides services related to the maintenance and repair of its products, installation services and training. MKS' primary served markets include semiconductor, industrial technologies, life & health sciences, research and defense. Additional information can be found at www.mksinst.com.

About ESI

ESI is a brand within the MKS Equipment & Solutions Division. The ESI portfolio consists of laser-based micro manufacturing systems and component test systems that are used worldwide by manufacturers in the electronics industry to process the materials and components that are an integral part of the electronic devices and systems in use today. Leveraging over 40 years of laser-material interaction expertise and applied laser technology, ESI solutions enable customers to optimize production by providing more control, greater application flexibility and more precise processing of a wide range of materials. The result is higher production quality, increased throughput and higher back-end yields at a lower total cost-of-ownership. Additional information can be found at www.esi.com.

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