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PRESS RELEASE

Technobis' integrated photonics activities become PhotonFirst

Pioneer with 15 years of experience expands both its proposition and footprint

Alkmaar, January 1st, 2021 – To enable fast and focused growth, the integrated photonics sensing activities of Technobis will change their name to PhotonFirst and operate independently from its 'mothership' Technobis Group as of January 1st. Daan Kersten will be heading PhotonFirst as its first CEO. As he announced when he joined the team three months ago, the photonics activities will be expanded aggressively, both in scope and size, as well as geographically. Besides the renowned interrogator systems, PhotonFirst will expand its value chain position to include sensors and application development, essential to be able to offer end-to-end solutions to its worldwide customer base. The company will continue to focus on demanding end markets like aerospace, medical, mobility and high-tech equipment, where innovation is key to stay in the lead.

"With this re-branding and legal carve-out from Technobis Group, we want to emerge from our commercial stealth mode and ensure everyone knows where to go for integrated photonics sensing solutions for advanced applications. Our slogan 'We measure the world' refers to our focus on sensing solutions with endless possibilities in measuring all kinds of variables such as temperature, strain, pressure and shape on one hand and generating data to improve the performance of critical functions on the other. Our expertise lies for example in applications like battery temperature monitoring in electric vehicles, overheat detection in large aircraft, load recording in infrastructural objects like tall buildings or bridges, but also sensing shape changes in medical biopsy needles. And we are only at the beginning of the adoption curve." According to Daan Kersten, CEO of PhotonFirst.

Besides the new company name, a new holding company is set-up with its registered office at the company's new office at the Eindhoven High Tech Campus. HTC is the home of 220 other high-tech companies and center of the Dutch photonics ecosystem. Headquarters remain in Alkmaar where all research & development as well as production and PIC (photonic integrated circuit) packaging are executed.

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More information

More information can be found on the www.photonfirst.com website.

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About Technobis (until December 31, 2020)

Technobis Group consists of three business units. Technobis System Supplier (TSS) is specialized in carrying out complete product development projects, going from an idea to a successful turn-key product, prototype or series product for medical, life-science and high-tech industries. Technobis Crystallization Systems (TCS) is a leading technology provider for solid-state research, process development and formulation. Integrated Photonic Sensing (IPS) is specialized in the research, development, engineering and production of Integrated Photonic Sensing modules and systems. The company develops and supplies fibre optic sensing systems and applications based on its proprietary integrated photonics technology. In addition IPS is a solution provider for PIC (Photonic Integrated Circuits) evaluation & packaging by supplying dedicated and mid-range volume packaging services. For further information about Technobis Group please visit www.technobis.com.

About PhotonFirst (starting January 1st, 2021)

Since 2006, we are unlocking the power of the photon to measure temperature, strain, pressure and shape. It is our ambition to become the global innovation leader in integrated photonics sensing and OEM's partner of choice for advanced applications. We support our customers to develop new or improved (better, faster, cheaper, more efficient) photonics sensing solutions and have everything needed in-house to industrialize, produce, scale, certify, supply and service these subsequently. Our front-row position in validation of new technology is ensured through an ambitious research and innovation agenda and partnerships with leading institutes. We measure the world.

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