

PRESS RELEASE

JPK Instruments acquires lpi light power instruments GmbH

Berlin, August 25, 2006 - JPK Instruments AG, the leading supplier of Scanning Probe Microscopes (SPM) for life science and soft matter applications, proudly announces the 100% acquisition of lpi light power instruments GmbH (Berlin, Germany).

lpi was founded in June 2005 and its focus is the development of optical nano-instrumentation for life science applications. The company holds pertinent intellectual properties and has built up a development team that is highly skilled and experienced in this field.

“Especially in cell and molecular biology, nanotechnology based instruments enable better understanding of life at the molecular scale. High-end optical techniques play an important role and have a huge potential for the life sciences. light power instruments becomes JPK’s business unit for advanced optical technologies, strengthens and diversifies our R&D capabilities in this field and fills furthermore our product portfolio with exceptional new instruments. After the foundation of nAmbition GmbH in Dresden last year, the acquisition of lpi GmbH is the next strategic step for the JPK Instruments group on its way to becoming the leading NanoBio instrumentation company” says JPK’s CTO, Torsten Jähnke.

After closing a substantial financing round, lpi and JPK have already embarked on a first common development project. Dr. Sven-Peter Heyn, CEO of lpi, comments “joining the JPK group with its impressive track record in innovative product development and successful marketing is a great chance for lpi. Our team is excited and convinced that we will contribute with our technical expertise to JPK’s mission as a leading provider of nanotechnology instrumentation for life sciences. We are on our way to developing a unique technology platform for life sciences”. Before becoming CEO of lpi in June 2005, Dr. Sven-Peter Heyn served for more than 15 years in different management and executive positions within the medtech and life sciences sector. lpi, as a subsidiary of the JPK Instruments group, will profit from his experience.



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About JPK Instruments AG:

The innovative Berlin-based company JPK Instruments, which was founded in 1999, is among the first companies worldwide to have implemented and optimised the principle of Atomic Force Microscopy - AFM - in areas of application like soft matter and the Life Science sector. By now more than 30 highly skilled members of staff develop and manufacture Atomic Force microscopes and other instruments for nano-biotechnological applications.

Numerous patents have already been filed. Around the globe there are many renowned scientific research institutes that apply these instruments in their research programmes. The Company is also one of the first in the nano-biotechnology sector to receive venture capital, e.g. from IBB Beteiligungsgesellschaft mbH, tbg, "Innovationsfonds des Landes Berlin" and from participation in the programme "Futour" hosted by the Ministry of Economics and Technology.

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