

PRESS RELEASE

JPK Instruments AG makes first place as the fastest growing company of the nanotech industry in Deloitte's "Technology Fast 50" ranking

Berlin, October 17th, 2007 - JPK Instruments AG, the market leader in BioSPM, is the No. 1 and hence the fastest growing company of the nanotech industry on the Deloitte Technology Fast 50 ranking, which has been established for the fifth consecutive year. JPK Instruments develops, produces and markets essential base technologies enabling unique analytical access at an atomic and molecular level. The leading companies in Germany's high-tech industries were determined on the basis of their compounded percentage sales growth rates of the past five years. JPK achieved a growth rate of over 970%.

Besides the No. 1 position in the nanotechnology sector, JPK Instruments made second place in the life sciences industry - its core business - and third place in the New Technologies segment. "Although nanotechnology will gain its full significance only in the coming years, JPK is already among the fastest-growing German technology companies. Needless to say, this is a confirmation of our strategy, our technology and our entire team - but above all, it is an incentive to further commercialize our platforms, to expand our portfolio and, hence, to tap the full sales potential in the coming years," said Frank Pelzer, member of the board of directors at JPK.

"Both the general economic upswing and product innovations continue to strengthen the technology sector and allow high growth rates - this is clearly reflected in our ranking," said Dieter Schlereth, Managing Partner of Deloitte's Technology, Media and Telecommunications unit.

Established in 1999, JPK Instruments launched its first product in the market in 2002. The company has operated profitably since 2004, despite its strong growth and the required investments.



About JPK Instruments AG:

JPK Instruments AG is a leading manufacturer of nano-analytic instruments – particularly atomic force microscope (AFM) systems – for research in life sciences and soft matter. One of Germany's most innovative nanotechnology companies, JPK was among the first to recognize the revolutionary opportunities this new field would open up for biomedical and pharmaceutical research. From the beginning, JPK has tailored its instrument platforms to meet the challenges in these areas.

JPK has developed powerful state-of-the-art solutions for high-resolution imaging, force measurement, nanomanipulation and nanolithography for life science applications. At the center of JPK's current portfolio are the BioAFM NanoWizard®, the CellHesion® module (for studying cell adhesion and cell mechanics phenomena), and the TAO module (for use in optical spectroscopy). The secret of JPK's success lies in its high level of application expertise and its close interaction with leading scientists and research centers in nanotechnology.

Founded in 1999, the company is headquartered in Berlin and maintains a global network of distributors and support centers. In 2005 it launched nAmbition GmbH, a Dresden subsidiary specializing in the development of nano-instruments for application in molecular medicine and pharmaceutical research. In August 2006, this was followed by the 100% acquisition of Ipi light power instruments, which is focussing on the development of optical nano-instrumentation for life science applications in research and industry.

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