

Coherent, Inc. chooses photonic crystal fibers from NKT Photonics for next generation laser platform

Birkerød, Denmark, February 5th, 2013 – NKT Photonics, the pioneer of photonic crystal fibers, and Coherent, Inc., a world leader in lasers and laser systems for commercial and scientific markets, today announced that NKT Photonics will supply a high-power fiber amplifier module for use in Coherent's newly released Daytona sub-nanosecond pulsed laser, targeted at various micro-electronics applications. The amplifier design is based on NKT Photonics' photonic crystal fiber technology that the company pioneered a decade ago.

"We are very happy to add Coherent to the group of prominent laser companies that uses our platform", says Jakob Skov, CEO of NKT Photonics and adds "the fact that one of the world's leading suppliers of lasers has chosen our unique PCF amplifier as a key module in their newest generation of short pulsed lasers is a testament to the performance and maturity of our products."

"We are pleased to be working with the NKT Photonics team", states Sushil Shah, Vice President and General Manager at Coherent. "We regard NKT as a key supplier and partner for our fiber-based pulsed laser platform."

About NKT Photonics

NKT Photonics supplies optical fibers and industrial fiber lasers deployed in markets within material processing, bio-photonics, metrology, optical sensors, LIDAR and many others. The products include pulsed lasers, such as supercontinuum sources, ultra low noise DFB lasers and a wide range of specialty fibers. Produced under the brand names CRYSTAL FIBRE™, aeroGAIN™, SuperK™ and KOHERAS™, the products are based on the company's unique photonic crystal fiber platform and are all designed for use in both commercial and scientific applications with focus on quality and reliability. NKT Photonics has its headquarters in Denmark with sales and service worldwide. NKT Photonics is wholly owned by the Danish industrial conglomerate NKT Holding A/S.

About Coherent, Inc.

Founded in 1966, Coherent, Inc. is a world leader in providing photonics based solutions to the commercial and scientific research markets, and is part of the Standard & Poor's SmallCap 600 Index and the Russell 2000 Index. Please direct any questions about this press release to Victor David, Product Line Manager for the Coherent DPSS laser business unit at (408) 764-4088. For more information about Coherent, including product and financial updates, visit our website at <http://www.coherent.com>.

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