

NKT Photonics succeeds in patent case against Fianium

BIRKEROED, Denmark, 6th of May, 2010 – NKT Photonics - with its brand Crystal Fibre - is pleased to have successfully ended its legal dispute with Fianium in the UK (English Patent Infringement Claim No.: HC 09 C 00159).

On 29th of April 2010, Fianium was ordered by the English Patents Court not to infringe the Crystal Fibre patents EP 1 340 725 and EP 1 153 324 in any way howsoever. These patents relate to pressure control for producing photonic crystal fibers, also known as microstructured fibers, and to post-processing of such fibers, respectively. Further, Fianium was ordered to pay for past infringements of the patents, and also to pay the legal costs of both parties from February 2009 (the date it was sued) until one year later, February 2010, when an acceptable settlement offer from Fianium was finally made.

"We are very pleased with the outcome and we remain fully committed to protecting our intellectual property portfolio." says Jakob Skov CEO of NKT Photonics A/S. *"In our view, photonic crystal fibers represent a key platform for photonics applications, such as supercontinuum systems and high power lasers. In recent years we have seen a rapid growth in the PCF based fiber & component sale demonstrating commercial success for our OEM customers."*

About NKT Photonics

NKT Photonics, designs and manufactures industrial class specialty fibers under the brand name Crystal Fibre. The company also produces fiber-based systems such as supercontinuum lasers ("SuperK") and ultra precise DFB fiber lasers ("Koheras"). These products are commercially deployed in bio-photonics, metrology, optical sensors, coherent communications, test and measurement, spectroscopy, imaging, material processing and LIDAR markets. NKT Photonics A/S is wholly owned by the Danish industrial conglomerate NKT Holding A/S.

Headquartered in Birkerød (near Copenhagen), Denmark, NKT Photonics has sales offices in the US, Germany, and France.

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