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## **Koheras and Crystal Fibre join forces to form NKT Photonics A/S**

Birkerød, Denmark, June 15<sup>th</sup> 2009 – Crystal Fibre A/S – the largest commercial supplier of microstructured specialty fiber and Koheras A/S – the leading company within ultra precise fiber lasers and SuperK Supercontinuum White Light Lasers will merge to form the single company NKT Photonics A/S.

The merger is a consequence of the increasing synergy between the two companies serving a market that continually requires innovative, competitive and well-proven fiber-based solutions. NKT Photonics leverages the combined strengths of both companies to better serve our existing and new clients with the most advanced solutions in fiber components, fiber subsystems; ultra precise fiber lasers and fiber based White Light Lasers.

“We have seen that many of our industrial and academic customers require solutions that provide increased optical functionality, but without increasing the complexity of the optical delivery system”, says CEO, Jakob Skov. “This requires a design and production of novel fibers with extended optical properties which are then integrated into systems that are simple to use. A typical example is our SuperK and SpectraK product portfolio.” adds Jakob Skov.

The Koheras ultra-precise fiber laser range, the SuperK white light supercontinuum portfolio, the *aeroLASE* amplifier modules and the Crystal Fibre nonlinear and Crystal Fibre specialty fiber products will remain established brands within NKT Photonics. Thus, customers are able to find turn-key solutions at fiber, module or system level and expert knowledge to develop and manufacture OEM solutions.

“Combining the expertise from Crystal Fibre and the system integration know-how from Koheras, lays the foundation for an accelerated development of new and groundbreaking products from NKT Photonics,” adds Jakob Skov.

NKT Photonics will be exhibiting at Laser 2009 Munich booth (#C1.302), where product demonstrations and new releases will be displayed.

### **About NKT Photonics A/S**

NKT Photonics A/S designs and manufactures commercial and industrial class specialty microstructured fibers and high power fiber amplifiers. The company also designs and manufactures fiber-based industrial systems such as white light lasers and ultra precise DFB fiber lasers. These systems are already commercially deployed in bio-photonics, metrology, optical sensors, coherent communications, test and measurement, high resolution spectroscopy and LIDAR markets. NKT Photonics A/S is wholly owned by the Danish industrial conglomerate NKT Holding A/S.

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