

## News Release

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### Avo Photonics Names Optical Program Manager

HORSHAM, Pa. – Avo Photonics, specialists in opto-electronic packaging, is pleased to announce that Dr. Sven Mahnkopf has joined the company as an Optical Program Manager.



“Dr. Mahnkopf’s vast knowledge of optical systems and opto-electronic designs will further strengthen the Avo Photonics team,” said Dr. Tom Haslett, CTO of Avo Photonics. “With our continued success in volume optical component contract manufacturing, his familiarity in design for volume production is going to prove invaluable to our customers and we gladly welcome his talents.”

“It is exciting to be a member of Avo Photonics,” stated Dr. Mahnkopf. “Working for a company with such a varied opto-electronic customer base and highly respected design and production teams will be a great experience.”

Dr. Mahnkopf has ten years of professional experience developing opto-electronic devices and project management. He comes to Avo Photonics from OptiComp Corporation, where he served as Device Engineering Manager. In his role, Dr. Mahnkopf led teams of Ph.D.-level engineers to design opto-electronic devices including VCSELs and photodetector arrays. Other professional achievements include authoring four patents, one book chapter, more than 20 scientific publications, and seven invited papers. Prior to OptiComp, Dr. Mahnkopf was at Mesophotonics Ltd., Julius - Maximilians University of Würzburg, Germany, and Infineon Technologies Pte. Ltd.

#### **About Avo Photonics:**

Avo Photonics ([www.avophotonics.com](http://www.avophotonics.com)) provides custom design and contract manufacturing services to customers in the military, aerospace, medical, communications, and commercial markets. Its unique pure service model assures Avo is focused on its customer's products. From fundamental optical physics analysis, through mechanical, electrical, thermal, and materials design for packaging/manufacturing, into crafted prototypes, and finally high volume production, Avo Photonics is a one-stop shop for photonic packaging services.

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