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**Low-cost, high-quality photonic packages and systems
made available in Europe**

Martinsried, February 2010 - Avo Photonics and AMS Technologies entered into a distribution agreement that entitles AMS Technologies to represent Avo's capabilities to the European market.

Avo Photonics, founded in 2003 in Pennsylvania, provides advanced contract design, prototyping, and manufacturing services for photonic customers in the military, aerospace, medical, communications and industrial markets.

Avo provides support from design thru production. Its design team acts as an extension to the customer's existing development group and creates optical, mechanical, thermal, electrical, and system engineering solutions while allowing the unique intellectual property generated to be owned by its customer.

In addition, within its facilities, Avo Photonics supports cost competitive production. Volumes can range from rapid prototypes to automated manufacturing of thousands per day. Avo's demonstrated and field tested production capabilities include complex free-space optical assemblies; precision bonded die placement and fiber attach, and low to megawatt class optical power laser systems.

All of the products made for its customers are internally tested for overall performance and ruggedness. Avo Photonics has the high fidelity tools and equipment to electrically drive and optically monitor the operation of products over various wavelengths, powers, and modulation speeds. In addition, Avo can characterize this performance during or after exposure to environmental stress parameters using in-house temperature, humidity, pressure, vacuum, vibration, and shock equipment.

"Avo is experiencing significant growth in Europe, and we believe there are additional customer opportunities. We are confident that the professional and knowledgeable sales force of AMS Technologies along with the company's excellent ties to the European electro-optics industry will enable us to boost our business in Europe", says Neal Stoker, VP Sales and Marketing at Avo Photonics. "Avo will also profit from synergies with other product lines available from AMS".

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About AMS Technologies

Founded in 1982, AMS Technologies is a leading distributor of high-tech components, systems and instruments in Europe today. Headquartered in Martinsried/Munich, Germany, the company serves regional markets from local sales offices in the United Kingdom, France, Italy and Spain. AMS Technologies represents approved global technology leaders and new to market companies that develop innovative, leading edge products in the fields of optoelectronics, thermal management and high power electronics. For further information about AMS Technologies please look at www.ams.de.

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