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AVO PHOTONICS NAMES NEW CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

HORSHAM, Pa. (October 17, 2006) – Avo Photonics, specialists in optical and RF packaging solutions, has recently appointed Dr. Tom Haslett as Chief Technology Officer. Dr. Haslett brings more than 20 years of experience in a wide range of optical technologies and applications to Avo Photonics.

"We are very pleased to add Dr. Haslett to the Avo Photonics team. His exceptional background transverses the technical space from fundamental laser physics through system engineering of complex optical instruments," said Dr. Joseph Dallas, Avo Photonics Chief Operating Officer. "Tom has the photonic component application, design, and assembly knowledge along with proven leadership capabilities to help Avo continue its expansion into new market segments."

Prior to joining Avo Photonics he served as Chief Technology Officer of Photonami, primarily developing novel semiconductor laser technology, optical amplifiers, and other active optical components. In addition, Dr. Haslett led teams from chip design through packaged laser assemblies. Prior to Photonami, he served as Director of the Photonics Research Facility at Photonics Research Ontario, where he worked on spectroscopic instruments, fiber Bragg grating design and fabrication, holography, and sensor applications.

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"Throughout my career, I have enjoyed close customer interactions, technical project management, and systems engineering," said Dr. Haslett. "I hope to continue in that role to increase our knowledge of our customers' needs in order to offer them industry-leading solutions that will help them in all aspects of their business."

Dr. Haslett holds a B.S. in Engineering from Queen's University at Kingston and a Ph.D. in Chemical Physics from the University of Toronto.

For a complete overview of Avo Photonics' service offerings, visit www.avophotonics.com or call 215-441-0107.

About Avo Photonics

Avo Photonics specializes in photonic design and manufacturing solutions for the, military/aerospace, medical, communications, and commercial markets. Avo Photonics' mission is to provide support services from design through production. Avo can be found on the Internet at www.avophotonics.com.

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