

3S PHOTONICS Awarded ISO 9001:2000 Certification

3S PHOTONICS, the world leading manufacturer of laser chips, optical discrete modules and components for telecommunication earns ISO 9001:2000 certification as a new company for its production, marketing as well as R&D activities. This new certification, which is granted shortly after the company setting-up, confirms 3S PHOTONICS dynamism, strength and ambitions.

Nozay, December 9, 2008 - 3S PHOTONICS today announced it has been awarded ISO 9001:2000 certification by audit firm AFNOR. This certification embraces design, development, manufacturing, sales, after-sales and upstream activities such as advanced R&D and thus will support 3S PHOTONICS diversification and innovation strategy planned on the next 3 years. Replacing Avanex France SA previous ISO 9001 accreditation awarded in December of 2006, this new certification includes all 3S PHOTONICS sites, including its Thai regional office based in Bangkok.

This certification validates the efficiency of Quality management and Quality insurance systems established by 3S PHOTONICS' new management team. It also reflects 3S PHOTONICS commitment to meet customers' demands and to provide high-quality products. It is the result of a Quality system built around strategic guidelines and fully supported by the whole company staff.

The certification shows 3S PHOTONICS willingness to bring innovative solutions along with strict management, anticipating the future needs of its customers. From now on, very few companies have managed to obtain ISO 9001 certification for their advanced R&D activities.

« Some of our components are part of the bedrocks of submarine optical links that ensure Internet connection between continents. Our customers demand that we not only maintain a high level of quality but that we go from strength to strength to improve it » explained Dominique Laffitte, Vice President of Quality & Reliability for 3S PHOTONICS. *« ISO 9001 certification highlights that our whole supply is based on quality ».*

« This certification points out our commitment to high-quality products and services to meet customer satisfaction. It contributes to the construction of a sound, dynamic and innovative company, ready to challenge its legitimate ambitions » outlined Alexandre Krivine, Chairman and CEO of 3S PHOTONICS.

About 3S PHOTONICS

3S PHOTONICS – formerly Alcatel Optronics and ex-Avanex France – is a leading supplier of optical discrete modules for telecommunication networks. It designs, develops, manufactures and commercializes active components powered by in-house III-V optoelectronic chips based on both Gallium Arsenide (GaAs) and Indium Phosphide (InP) technologies and passive components using Fiber Bragg Gratings (FBG).

The 3S PHOTONICS renowned optoelectronic chip manufacturing plant of Nozay is a technological feat that is unique in the world as it brings together GaAs and InP technologies under the same roof.

Its product portfolio includes four product lines:

- * Chips (lasers and detectors) and Front End Services
- * Transmission Laser and Detector Modules
- * Pump Laser Modules for terrestrial and submarine applications
- * Filters, gain equalizers and pump stabilizers based on Fiber Bragg Gratings for terrestrial and submarine applications

With over 14 years of experience, the company takes advantage of its expertise and know-how to also address new markets, providing smart solutions for defense, industrial and medical applications.

Based in Nozay (Essonne near Paris), 3S PHOTONICS is run by Alexandre Krivine and Didier Sauvage. The company employs over 160 people, whose 130 are experts in photonics industry.

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