

## press release

### **JPK Instruments AG received the award from the KfW bank group for their future technology**

*Berlin, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011 – JPK Instruments (JPK), a world-leading manufacturer of nanoanalytic instrumentation for research in life sciences and soft matter, is pleased to announce that JPK has received the award from the KfW bank group in cooperation with the German journal SUPERillu in the area of future technologies.*

The winners of the four categories were selected from a group of 392 candidates. JPK Instruments received the award directly from Germany's Economics Minister Brüderle who constitutes the decision with the following words: "The four founders from JPK cognized the pioneering possibilities of the nanotechnology for biotechnology, medical and pharmaceutical science and developed it up to the top with their atomic force microscope technology." JPK Instruments was founded in 1999 and reached profitability in a very early stage and still continuously growing by 20% compared to 2009. JPK is headquartered in Berlin with 70 employees, with direct operations in Europe and Asia. Since 2009 JPK maintains a global network of distributors and support centers.

Frank Pelzer, CEO of JPK Instruments and co-founder (P of JPK) says: "We are pleased that our work experiences and the economic success in the recent years are recognized with this award. In this respect we are certainly proud of the accomplishments – but in many areas we are at the beginning of our development."

Dr Stefan Breuer, director of the KfW bank group: "With this start-up-competition from the KfW and SUPERillu we want to set a signal for more entrepreneurial thinking and for a new entrepreneurial culture in our country."



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### **About JPK Instruments AG**

JPK Instruments AG is a world leading manufacturer of nanoanalytic instruments that enable unparalleled access at the nanotechnology level. JPK was recognized as Germany's fastest growing nanotechnology company in 2007 and 2008 (Deloitte). The product portfolio is based around atomic force microscopes and optical tweezers for a wide range of applications, from soft matter physics to nano-optics, from surface chemistry to cellular and molecular biology. Leading-edge instruments from JPK are used by the most renowned research institutes across the world. Headquartered in Berlin and with operations in Dresden (Germany), Cambridge (UK), Singapore, Tokyo (Japan) and Paris (France), JPK maintains a global network of distributors and support centers and provides on the spot applications and service support to an ever-growing community of researchers.