

**Richard Distl hands over responsibility to successor**

## **Company founder Richard Distl leaves Instrument Systems**

*Munich, May 2014* – 28 years after establishing Instrument Systems, Richard Distl will be leaving the company at the end of May. Dr. Markus Ehbrecht will succeed him in the position of CEO.

A project that Richard Distl started in 1986 in a spirit of the German youth science competition “Jugend Forscht” has been transformed into a successful global enterprise. Today, the company is the market leader for light measurement with a workforce of 148 employees and two sites in Germany. Major companies throughout the world and leading research institutes rely on measurement equipment from Instrument Systems for testing LEDs, displays and other optical light sources and components.

In December 2012, Richard Distl sold his company to Konica Minolta, Inc. Now that the transition phase has come to an end, he will be leaving the company on 31 May. “Even though I find it difficult to move on, it is now time to depart from Instrument Systems,” explained Richard Distl. “I would like to thank all employees, customers and partners who have made this incredible success possible.”

Dr. Markus Ehbrecht will take over the position of CEO. The graduate physicist has been working in the executive management of Instrument Systems since January of this year. “We have found an experienced and capable successor in Dr. Ehbrecht, who is ideally qualified to direct the company into the future,” summarized Richard Distl. “I myself will continue to remain associated with the company and the LED and display industry and I will continue to play an active role in a number of scientific bodies and committees.”

Over the past five years, Richard Distl has led Instrument Systems through an enormous phase of growth. A new record result in the history of the company was achieved in the business year ended 31 March 2014 with sales totaling €53.7 million.

### **Company profile Instrument Systems GmbH**

Instrument Systems was founded in 1986 and is based in Munich. The company develops, manufactures and markets turnkey solutions for light measurement. Instrument Systems delivers a comprehensive range of light measuring products for industrial and research applications. These include high-performance array and scanning spectrometers as well as imaging photometers and colorimeters. Key applications are LED/SSL and display measurement, as well as spectroradiometry and photometry. Instrument Systems is one of the leading manufacturers in this area. The associated Optronik Division develops and markets photometric test equipment specifically for vehicles and the traffic sector. 85% of sales are generated from export business.



*The pictures show:  
Richard Distl (picture on the left), Dr. Markus Ehbrecht and Richard Distl (picture on the right)*

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