

PRESS RELEASE

JPK Instruments AG Strengthens Asian-Pacific Marketing Position

Berlin, August 21th, 2007 - JPK Instruments AG, the leading supplier of scanning probe technology for the soft matter and life science sector, has taken a significant step toward strengthening its marketing position in the booming Asia-Pacific region: The company has granted the exclusive distribution rights for its products in India to Inkarp Instruments Pvt. Ltd., and in Australia to SciTech Pty Ltd. In addition to Canada, Brazil and the European market, JPK Instruments' market presence now covers Australia, India, Taiwan, China, Korea, Japan, Singapore and Thailand.

Dr. Gerd Behme, General Sales Manager at JPK Instruments, states: "Following their integration into the JPK customer concept, SciTech Pty Ltd. and Inkarp Instruments Pvt. Ltd. will provide sales, installation and service support to customers in Australia and India. Not only will JPK customers profit from the companies' joint experience, but also from the outstanding skills of SciTech's and Inkarp's employees. Our new distribution partners have a proven track record in the life science sector. We are convinced they will deliver excellent customer service."

SciTech was founded in 1989 and has grown to become one of Australia's leading suppliers of imaging products and systems for the scientific and medical industry. The company's aim is to continue to offer innovative and leading edge technology, such as products being developed by JPK.

India-based Inkarp Instruments Pvt. has been in business for 22 years, promoting scientific and analytical instruments for pharmaceutical, biotechnology and genetic engineering markets. Especially beneficial to JPK Instruments are Inkarp's established alliances with a number of leading foreign principals and its focussed approach to offering advanced products/solutions to the life sciences research community in India.

About JPK Instruments AG:

JPK Instruments AG is a leading manufacturer of nano-analytic instruments – particularly atomic force microscope (AFM) systems – for research in life sciences and soft matter. One of Germany's most innovative nanotechnology companies, JPK was among the first to recognize the revolutionary opportunities this new field would open up for biomedical and pharmaceutical research. From the beginning, JPK has tailored its instrument platforms to meet the challenges in these areas.

JPK has developed powerful state-of-the-art solutions for high-resolution imaging, force measurement, nanomanipulation and nanolithography for life science applications. At the center of JPK's current portfolio are the BioAFM NanoWizard®, the CellHesion® module (for studying cell adhesion and cell mechanics phenomena), and the TAO module (for use in optical spectroscopy). The secret of JPK's success lies in its high level of application expertise and its close interaction with leading scientists and research centers in nanotechnology.

Founded in 1999, the company is headquartered in Berlin and maintains a global network of distributors and support centers. In 2005 it launched nAmbition GmbH, a Dresden subsidiary specializing in the development of nano-instruments for application in molecular medicine and pharmaceutical research. In August 2006, this was followed by the 100% acquisition of Ipi light power instruments, which is focussing on the development of optical nano-instrumentation for life science applications in research and industry.

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