

PRESS RELEASE

JPK Instruments expands distribution network to Canada and Israel

Berlin, April 12th, 2006 - JPK Instruments AG, the leading supplier of Scanning Probe Microscopes (SPM) for life sciences and soft matter applications, has issued the exclusive marketing licences for its products in Canada to Ragona Scientific, Pittsford, and in Israel to New Road Agencies Ltd., Rosh-Ha'ayin.

Both companies are specialized in the distribution of state-of-the-art nanoanalytic instruments. Their employees have many years of application and sales experience in SPM for life sciences. Integrated into the JPK customers concept, Ragona Scientific and New Road Agencies Ltd. will provide sales, installation and service support to customers in Canada and Israel.

The JPK distribution network now extends across Europe, Canada, Israel and the key countries in Asia.

About JPK Instruments AG:

JPK Instruments AG is a leading manufacturer of nanoanalytic 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 these areas would face.

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 is 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.

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