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Oxford Instruments NanoScience welcomes Omicron NanoTechnology to the Oxford Instruments Group

Oxford Instruments, based in Tubney Woods, UK, today announced the acquisition of Omicron NanoTechnology based in Taunusstein, Germany. Omicron will join the Nanotechnology Tools Division of Oxford Instruments; a division that already includes Oxford Instruments NanoAnalysis, Oxford Instruments Plasma Technology as well as Oxford Instruments Nanoscience.

Omicron NanoTechnology, formerly OMICRON Vakuumphysik GmbH, was founded in 1984. During the past 28 years the company has grown to become the leading provider of ultra-high vacuum scientific instruments and systems to the nanotechnology research sector. With their scanning tunneling microscopes and electron spectroscopy systems, Omicron provides the “eyes into the nanoworld”. Today, Omicron’s business and values are embodied in their “leading edge technology”, “made in Germany” quality standards and worldwide customer relationships.

With a largely common customer base, and complimentary technology portfolio, OI Nanoscience and Omicron share a common set of technology and business objectives and are eager to work closely together to offer increased customer value.

Jim Hutchins, MD of OI Nanoscience commented; “Everyone at OI Nanoscience is very pleased to welcome Omicron to the Oxford Instruments Group. The synergies between the businesses are clear, and we anticipate that the bringing together of our world leading technologies will result in the development of a new and unique range of solutions for the rapidly growing nanotechnology market. One example of this will be the integration of Omicron’s probe microscopes into OI NanoScience’s world-leading, low temperature and high magnetic field environments”.

We will continue to inform you of future developments at www.oxford-instruments.com and www.omicron.de

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About Oxford Instruments NanoScience and Oxford Instruments plc.

Internationally recognised as world leaders in superconductivity and ultra low temperature cryogenic environments, Oxford Instruments NanoScience is driving innovation in these fields. The company's leading-edge technologies support research in nanotechnology, solid state and condensed matter physics. Combining outstanding technical expertise, original thinking and a commitment to meeting customers' needs, Oxford Instruments NanoScience enables real advances both in research and commercial applications by providing the high quality technological environments needed to meet demanding experimental requirements. Oxford Instruments NanoScience is part of the Oxford Instruments plc group.

The Oxford Instruments plc group designs, supplies and supports high technology tools, processes and solutions with a focus on physical science, bioscience, environmental and industrial research and applications. It provides solutions needed to advance fundamental nanoscience research and its transfer into commercial nanotechnology applications. Innovation has been the driving force behind Oxford Instruments' growth and success for 50 years, and its strategy is to effect the successful commercialisation of these ideas by bringing them to market in a timely and customer-focused fashion.

The first technology business to be spun out from Oxford University fifty years ago, Oxford Instruments is now a global company with over 1,500 staff worldwide and a listing on the London Stock Exchange (OXIG). Its objective is to be the leading provider of new generation tools and systems for the Physical Science and Bioscience sectors.

This involves the combination of core technologies in areas such as low temperature and high magnetic field environments, Nuclear Magnetic Resonance, X-ray electron and optical based metrology, and advanced growth, deposition and etching. Our products, expertise, and ideas address global issues such as energy, environment, terrorism and health and are part of the next generation of telecommunications, energy products, environmental measures, security devices, drug discovery and medical advances.

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