

## **Imagine Optic™ opens a new US office to reaffirm its commitment to the North American market**

*Imagine Optic, Europe's leading manufacturer of wavefront metrology and adaptive optics technology, reaffirms its commitment to developing the North American market with the opening of its new office In the heart of Boston's optics cluster.*

Orsay, France and Boston, MA, January 18, 2007 – As part of its continuing growth strategy, Imagine Optic is proud to announce the opening of its new office at the Cambridge Innovation Center, located in the heart of Boston's thriving optics cluster. In addition to this reinforced presence in the United States, the company has equally entered into two new distribution partnerships with BNT in California and ESDI in Arizona.

Imagine Optic is Europe's leading provider of Shack-Hartmann wavefront analysis and adaptive optics hardware and software technologies, and is strongly positioned to respond to growing customer demand in the US. "Establishing a permanent presence in the United States is key to showing our commitment to offer the highest quality products, services and support to our US customers" says Samuel Bucourt, CEO and co-founder of Imagine Optic, adding that "our Boston office will enable us to strengthen our ties with our existing customers in North America, and to further develop our presence in one of the world's most dynamic markets."

Since the opening of their new offices in Boston in 2006, the company's US sales figures have more than doubled, totaling 10% of the company's total sales for that year. This growth resulted from the arrival of several prestigious new clients including Berkeley University, Lockheed Martin, the LLE Laboratory at Rochester University, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and UCSF. Imagine Optic plans on further investing in the US market with additions to its sales and marketing staff planned for later this year in order to achieve the goal of 20% of total sales coming from the North American market in 2007.

Imagine Optic earned €2.4 million in 2006, largely thanks to its strong position in the scientific market and the release of several groundbreaking products. The company reinvests a significant part of its earnings into its research and development program that is targeted towards expanding the applications of its wavefront sensing, analysis and adaptive optics technologies into new industries, most notably the consumer electronics industry.

Imagine Optic will be present at Photonics West, booth 1601, at the San José Convention Center from January 20 through 25, 2007. For more information, please visit the Imagine Optic website [www.imagine-optic.com](http://www.imagine-optic.com).

### About Imagine Optic

Founded in Orsay, France in 1996, the company is Europe's leading provider of Shack-Hartmann wavefront sensing technologies for adaptive optics, quality control and optical measurement. In 2005, Imagine Optic introduced the world's first X-EUV wavefront sensor to respond to customer needs in this synchrotron metrology and nanolithography. It continues to be a leader in research and development with projects currently underway in the domains of free space communications and adaptive optics for high-power lasers.

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Imagine Optics' clients are among the world's top companies and include Sony, Nikon, Thomson, Zeiss, NASA, the U.S. Air Force, Essilor, Aliena (Alcatel Space), EADS, the European Southern Observatory, the European Space Agency (ESA), amongst others. In 2006, Imagine Optic realized a turnover of €2,4M and currently employs 23 highly qualified professionals in a variety of domains. If you would like to learn more about us, please visit [www.imagine-optic.com](http://www.imagine-optic.com).

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