

Imagine Optic™ and Engineering Synthesis Design Inc. (ESDI™) expand relationship to offer customers unrivaled precision wavefront metrology solutions

Imagine Optic and Engineering Synthesis Design Inc. (ESDI) strengthen their partnership to provide leading industrial, governmental and academic laboratories with affordable, high-performance wavefront metrology and adaptive optics solutions

Conference on Lasers and Electro-Optics (CLEO) and the Quantum Electronics and Laser Science Conference (QELS), Baltimore, MD, May 8, 2007 – As part of its continuing growth strategy, Imagine Optic today announces that it has reinforced its distribution partnership with Engineering Synthesis Design Inc. (ESDI) to include future co-development of new precision wavefront metrology technologies. This agreement strengthens the relationship between Imagine Optic, Europe's leading provider of Shack-Hartmann wavefront analysis and correction technologies, and ESDI, one of America's leading manufacturers and distributors of optical metrology products. The two companies will focus on providing turnkey wavefront analysis and adaptive optics solutions to meet customer demand in domains including microscopy, semiconductors, freespace communications and high-power lasers.

By uniting Imagine Optic's technological expertise with ESDI's expert support and training, research customers will profit from the new endeavor through the application of jointly developed products to microscopy and cellular imaging. Likewise, semiconductor manufacturers will be able to take advantage of the nanometric precision offered by solutions based on Imagine Optic's HASO™ wavefront sensor line for the characterization of large surfaces, a necessity for maintaining their competitive edge in chip design and manufacturing. Finally, consumer electronics manufacturers will be able to reduce production costs by improving factory throughput using Imagine Optic's technology to enable precision characterization of miniature optics, including liquid lenses that are rapidly becoming the standard for consumer goods, including portable telephones and digital cameras.

When asked why ESDI chose Imagine Optic as their partner, Jack Schumann, the company's CEO said "Imagine Optic's reputation for precision wavefront metrology technologies combined with their ability to consistently develop new products that anticipate market needs made it an obvious choice when developing our strategy to maintain our product line's competitive edge."

Imagine Optic will be present on the ESDI booth (1236) at CLEO-QELS in Baltimore Maryland during the exposition dates from May 8th through 10th. For more information, please visit the companies' websites – www.engsynthesis.com and 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 and, in 2007, the company released a completely renewed version of its award winning HASO sensor line as well as adaptive optics and companion software packages. . 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.

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.

About ESDI

Engineering Synthesis Design, Inc. (ESDI) is a developer of metrology instrumentation and software. Serving companies of all sizes and major research labs worldwide, ESDI offers state-of-the-art metrology products that are both affordable and unprecedented in performance. Since its inception in 1996, ESDI has been successfully designing metrology products that meet a variety of industrial and R&D applications while maintaining affordability.

ESDI's customers include Agilent, Alcon, Boeing Aircraft Company, Canon, Dupont, General Electric, Kodak, Lawrence Livermore National Labs, Los Alamos National Labs, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, NASA Goddard, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratories, NASA Marshall, Raytheon Missile Systems, Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems, and the University of Arizona's College of Optical Sciences.

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