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SaM Solutions Acquires VPIphotonics

SaM Solutions, an international provider of software outsourcing and IT services, announces the recent acquisition of VPIphotonics, provider of software and services supporting end-to-end photonic design automation (PDA) and optical equipment configuration.

Founded in 2002 as a separate business unit within VPIsystems, VPIphotonics has been driving the development of professional PDA software and solutions for optical component and system vendors, as well as system and network integrators. Today, VPIphotonics offers a flexible software environment supporting requirements in photonic integrated circuits and fiber-based component designs, optical system and network designs, as well as cost optimization of equipment choices leading to performance reports and bill of materials.

"We are excited about the acquisition of VPIphotonics, which is a great strategic fit for our company and a transaction that creates exciting opportunities for both businesses by merging VPIphotonics' industry-leading know-how with SaM Solutions' experience and capacities in the field of software development services," said Anton Dechko, Managing Director of SaM Solutions GmbH.

André Richter, Managing Director of VPIphotonics GmbH, commented: "We believe this transition will allow VPIphotonics to expand its markets and maintain its unrivaled position as the premier provider of modeling tools for fiber optic communications and other photonic applications. Our clients will be the first to benefit from the arising synergies of both companies".

About SaM Solutions:

SaM Solutions is one of the leaders of the IT outsourcing and software development market. 20 years of experience, a broad range of competencies and a DIN EN ISO 9001:2008 certified quality control system enable the company to develop solutions of any complexity that meet customers' expectations and use the latest software development technologies. SaM Solutions has worked for such major clients as Siemens, Fujitsu, SAP, Kaspersky Lab, Haufe-Lexware, Payback and the European Patent Office. To date, SaM Solutions has a global pool of over 600 employees in its Germany-based headquarters and offices located in the US, UK, Eastern and Western Europe. For more information, visit www.sam-solutions.com.

About VPIphotonics:

VPIphotonics sets the standard for end-to-end photonic design automation and optical equipment configuration. VPIphotonics' award-winning simulation software and design services are used for research, development and marketing in hundreds of corporations worldwide. Over 140 academic institutions have joined the company's University Program enabling students, educators and researchers access to the latest photonics modeling innovations. For more information, visit www.VPIphotonics.com