

Zurich, Switzerland, January 11, 2005. EXALOS AG, a leading developer and manufacturer of advanced Superluminescent Light Emitting Diodes (SLEDs) and other optoelectronic components, today announced that the company's quality management system has been awarded ISO 9001:2000 certification.

"EXALOS is committed to delivering high quality products and to constantly improving our 9001:2000 development processes," explained Dr. Christian Vélez, EXALOS director and CTO. "Our ISO certification recognizes EXALOS' ongoing commitment to quality and continual improvement of the product realization process.

About EXALOS

EXALOS AG, a privately held company, is a leading developer and manufacturer of advanced Superluminescent Light Emitting Diodes (SLEDs) selling devices to the fiber optic gyroscope, medical imaging, test equipment and sensor industries. The company has its headquarters in Zurich, Switzerland.

Based on our superior product platform, EXALOS active components offer exceptional industry-leading performance levels in terms of output power, optical bandwidth and reliability. EXALOS SLEDs operate with center wavelengths ranging from 800 nm to 1700 nm, optical bandwidth up to 190 nm and output power up to 50 mW. The following package types are offered: DIL, butterfly, and TO-CAN. Different types of fiber as SMF, MMF and PMF are available. EXALOS SLEDs can be equipped with or without connector and most of our devices have an integrated monitor diode.

EXALOS has established strategic alliances with technological- and cost leadership partners, with the goal to provide customers with the optimum balance of price, time to market, performance, and size for any given specification. This approach gives EXALOS the flexibility to develop devices as solutions tailored for particular customers and markets.

EXALOS SLEDs currently target specific applications in four major markets:

- Fiber optic gyroscopes for applications such as avionics, aerospace and navigation
- Optical coherence tomography for medical applications such as cornea and retina diagnostics
- Optical channel monitors, chromatic and polarization mode dispersion, and passive components characterization in test equipment for telecom and datacom systems
- Fiber optic sensors for civil structure monitoring such as bridges and oil pipelines as well as temperature, pressure, and electrical current measurements

ISO 9001:2000:

ISO 9000 is a generic international standard that specifies the necessary components and framework of a quality management system. ISO 9001:2000 primary purpose is to provide organizations with useful internationally recognized models for operating a quality management system. ISO 9000 was originally published in 1987 by the International Organization for Standardization, a worldwide federation of national standards bodies, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. ISO 9001:2000 is the most recent revision of the ISO 9000 standard, which replaces the previous ISO 9000:1994 standard.

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