

Bookham partners with EM4 to target the US defense and homeland security market

San Jose, CA – January 23, 2006 – Bookham, Inc. (NASDAQ: BKHM) today signed a co-operation agreement with EM4, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary EM4 Defense. Under this agreement, EM4 will be the primary market channel for the Bookham High Power Pump laser business into the US defense, aerospace and homeland security market.

This co-operation between Bookham, a global supplier of electro-optical components, and EM4, a leading provider of customized packaging solutions and products, will provide a cutting-edge platform that can be continuously optimized for tomorrow's customer requirements in the defense, aerospace and homeland security market. The combination of the companies' technologies will enable high-quality products that can be tailored to meet customer requirements.

"This is a highly synergistic partnership," said Steve Turley, Chief Commercial Officer at Bookham. "It delivers what the US defense, aerospace and homeland security market needs by combining our leading semiconductor laser technology with EM4's US-based high performance packaging capability."

"EM4 is delighted to partner with Bookham," said Basil Garabet, EM4's Chief Executive Officer. "Both companies are committed to high performance, quality and reliability. EM4's robust packaging and Bookham's high brightness, high reliability components will create an industry leading solution for our customers."

About EM4, Inc.

EM4, Inc., and its wholly owned subsidiary EM4 Defense, designs, develops and manufactures state-of-the-art, optoelectronic components and sub-systems for the Defense and Homeland Security market. EM4 offers both Commercial-Off-the-Shelf (COTS) optoelectronic modules and unique Optoelectronic Design and Manufacturing Services (ODMS). For further information, please visit the EM4 Web site at www.em4inc.com or the EM4 Defense Web site at www.em4defense.com

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