

IMRA and TEEM Photonics sign License Agreement on High Power Fiber Technology

January 23 2009: IMRA America, Inc. (IMRA) (Ann Arbor, Mich.), a world leader in the research, development, manufacturing and application of ultra-fast fiber lasers, and TEEM Photonics S.A. (TEEM) (Meylan, France), a world leader in microchip laser development and manufacture for industrial and scientific markets, have signed a license agreement for IMRA high power fiber technology as it relates to EM products. This license enables TEEM to further expand its product offerings in this emerging product field. In the agreement, IMRA licenses TEEM a large portfolio of IMRA patents related to fiber lasers and amplifiers and specifically US 5,818,630. Dr. Antoine Kevorkian, CEO of Teem Photonics, stated, "Our passively Q-switched pico lasers enable a wide range of industrial and medical applications. The intellectual property we are licensing from IMRA provides a logical next step for increasing the power of our lasers, broadening the applications that our core technology can serve. Our customers are excited that we are bringing together our short-pulse technology with that of IRMA."

Mr. Takashi Omits, President of IRMA, added: "IRMA continues a long term investment in fiber amplifier and fiber laser research. One of our aims in following this research is to make a contribution to world knowledge in this field. We have actively licensed our technology to other firms and now have licensees in several European countries and the United States as well as our parent firm in Japan. We welcome TEEM, as an IMRA licensee with their products generating 100's of pico seconds pulses."

About IMRA America, Inc.: Founded in 1990, IMRA America, Inc., headquartered in Ann Arbor, Mich., is a global-acting company dedicated to being the leader in the development of ultra-fast fiber laser technologies for commercial applications. IMRA turnkey fiber lasers with their compact size, high stability and maintenance-free operation, are ideal optical pulse sources for: material processing, semiconductor inspection and repair, homeland security, instrumentation, medical diagnostics and therapy, and telecommunications. They are based on IMRA proprietary fiber oscillator, fiber amplifier, and advanced pulse compressor technologies, documented in over 70 U.S. patents and patent applications and many more worldwide. In addition to delivering innovation through its products, IMRA America offers its technologies through patent and technology licensing. For information, visit www.imra.com or call (734) 930-2560.

About TEEM Photonics S.A.: Teem Photonics is the world leader in passively Q switched microchip lasers. These products generate pico seconds pulses with peak powers that can exceed 200kW and repetition rates as high as 70kHz. Wavelengths of operation are in the near infrared as well as the green and ultraviolet; applications include biophotonics, instrumentation, remote sensing, as well as micro-machining and marking. Teem Photonics continually introduces novel performance to OEM customers and scientific institutions. Teem Pico lasers have been shipping for over ten years, with thousands operating the field, and MTTFs exceeding 2,000,000 hours. For information, visit <http://www.teemphotonics.com> or call (303) 325-5470.