

Gould Technology Acquires PLC Power Splitter Product Line from Teem Photonics

Millersville, MD, USA and Grenoble France - September 29, 2006 - Teem Photonics S.A. of Grenoble, France and Gould Technology, L.L.C. headquartered in Millersville, Maryland, USA today announced the closing of the sale of the PLC power splitter module product line to Gould Technology. The transaction includes an agreement in which Gould Technology can use Teem Photonics ion exchange waveguide splitter chips inside the PLC splitter modules.

The PLC power splitter product line is differentiated by extremely low insertion loss and polarization dependent loss as well as its high port-to-port uniformity. These differentiations are realized based on the characteristics of the Teem Photonics ion exchange waveguides and the excellent repeatability achieved by the automated packaging technology being acquired by Gould Technology.

"We see this acquisition as bringing significant value to our customers," Gould Technology president John T. Phillips stated. "They rely on us for state-of-the-art solutions in passive optical components and subsystems made by either fused biconically tapered couplers or planar lightwave splitters. This acquisition further enhances our advantages in capacity, reliability, cost, performance, and flexibility."

"The divestiture enables us to focus management attention, sales resources and R&D on our core activities," stated Teem Photonics CEO Antoine Kevorkian. "We can concentrate more on our front end expertise in ion exchange waveguides, where we have demonstrated industry leadership. Moreover, we can concentrate our packaging activities more specifically on our passively Q-switched microlaser business, which provides our greatest growth opportunity."

Financial details of the transaction were not disclosed.

About Teem Photonics S.A.

Teem Photonics is a privately held company located near Grenoble France. It is the leader in ion exchange based integrated optical components. The Company produces planar splitters used in Fiber-to-the-Premises applications worldwide and is renowned for its innovations, as demonstrated by its pioneering of the erbium doped waveguide amplifier (EDWA™) and its activities in planar glass waveguide lasers. Teem Photonics is the leader in passively Q-switched microlasers as well as ion exchange integrated optics. The combination of passive Q-switching and microlaser technologies result in sources distinctive for sub nanosecond, high peak power pulses, generated from compact packages at high repetition rates. Wavelengths of operation are in the near infrared as well as the green and ultraviolet; applications include biophotonics, instrumentation, remote sensing, and material processing. Ion exchange integrated optic products consist of advanced passive and active waveguide circuits that are used to increase the performance and economics of packaged laser diodes.

About Gould Technology, LLC

Gould Technology, is the first name in fiber optic couplers and passive fiber optic components, as well as a leading provider of customized, fully tested advanced integrated optical solutions to the telecommunications industry. The company was a pioneer in fiber optics technology, commercializing products as early as 1983. The company holds numerous patents on fiber optic components and manufacturing processes, and has partnered with major telecommunications companies in the development of optical network systems and products for telecom, sensor and aerospace applications.