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NEWS

01.07.2013 – MSM Capital advised u2t Photonics AG in the acquisition of German COGO Optronics GmbH

Munich based MSM Capital has advised u2t Photonics AG, Berlin in acquiring the German assets of insolvent COGO Optronics GmbH, Berlin. The transaction was backed by the world's largest supplier of optical components, Finisar Corp., Sunnyvale/USA. With this strategic acquisition u2t Photonics obtains immediate and exclusive access to HHI high speed InP modulators, including polarization multiplexed I-Q modulators for 100G coherent applications. The transaction has been signed on July 1, 2013.

Cogo Optronics, Inc., Boulder/USA, founded in 2007 and with offices in Ottawa/Canada, and Berlin/Germany, develops, manufactures, and markets optoelectronics component solutions for high speed optical networks. It offers a family of single MZ and IQ modulators; and directly modulated lasers in various wavelengths for 10G, 25G, and 40G applications. COGO Optronics GmbH, the German subsidiary, owned the exclusive rights to access and market Fraunhofer Heinrich-Hertz-Institute's (HHI) current InP MZM technology, as well as the future InP MZM technology.

u2t Photonics AG, founded in 1998 and headquartered in Berlin/Germany, is the leading supplier of ultra-high speed optical components up to 100 GHz. Based on its unique and mature technology u2t develops, manufactures and markets highly competitive products for high speed communication applications and detectors with superior performance for test and measurement equipment vendors. The company was founded by the three scientists Andreas Umbach, Günther Unterbörsch as well as Dirk Trommer and was supported over more than ten years by the technology investor Dr. Tilman Fischer.

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