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Press Release

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Oxford Instruments and RIBER agree to Molecular Beam Epitaxy (MBE) business transfer

Oxford Instruments plc, the high technology tools and systems company, and RIBER SA, the leading Molecular Beam Epitaxy (MBE) company announced today that the MBE business currently owned by Oxford Instruments Plasma Technology Ltd (OIPT), has been sold to RIBER in Bezons, France.

OIPT has an aggressive product development plan to enhance existing product lines and expand into new markets, as well as a growing portfolio of new products in development. In the last 12 months, OIPT has seen significant growth in a number of markets and the transfer of the MBE business will allow it to focus more sharply on these areas. This is consistent with the company's strategy to double the size of the business and increase Return on Sales by ten percentage points . OIPT is confident that RIBER will continue to offer the level of support required by its MBE customers. The transfer takes place in advance of OIPT's relocation to a new facility .

RIBER is a world leader in providing MBE equipment and components to public and private major research centres and industrial foundry companies. In line with its strategy to develop sales of service and accessories for MBE equipment, this acquisition will strongly reinforce RIBER's share of the MBE market in Europe, North America and Asia. RIBER will henceforth be able to service approximately 75% of the worldwide installed base, with the number of MBE systems having increased from about 500 to 800. Over recent years, the average turnover of this purchased activity was above 1.2 million Euros. This will strengthen RIBER's after-sale business which has increased by about 35% in 2008 vs 2007 as a result of internal growth and the recent merger with ADDON. RIBER extensive support structure will ensure that OIPT's MBE customers will continue to receive world class service and support.

Notes to Editors

Oxford Instruments designs, supplies and supports high-technology tools, processes and solutions with a focus on physical science, bioscience, environmental and industrial research and applications. It provides solutions needed to advance fundamental nanoscience research and its transfer into commercial nanotechnology applications. Innovation has been the driving force behind Oxford Instruments' growth and success for over 40 years, and its strategy is to effect the successful commercialisation of these ideas by bringing them to market in a timely and customer-focused fashion.

The first technology business to be spun out from Oxford University over forty five years ago, Oxford Instruments is now a global company with over 1,500 staff worldwide and a listing on the London Stock Exchange (OXIG). Its objective is to be the leading provider of new generation tools and systems for the Physical Science and Bioscience sectors.

This involves the combination of core technologies in areas such as low temperature and high magnetic field environments, Nuclear Magnetic Resonance, X-ray electron and optical based metrology, and advanced growth, deposition and etching. Our products, expertise, and ideas address global issues such as energy, environment, terrorism and health and are part of the next generation of telecommunications, energy products, environmental measures, security devices, drug discovery and medical advances.

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Riber develops and manufactures Molecular Beam Epitaxy (MBE) machines as well as effusion cells and dedicated RF sources for the semi-conductor industry. These high technology equipments are essential for the manufacture of compound semi-conductors and new materials that are used in numerous consumer applications, such as new Information Technologies , OLED flat panel displays and new Solar cells.

Shares of Riber SA are listed in Compartment "C" of the Euronext Paris Stock Exchange and are a component of the CAC IT index.

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RIBER has been awarded the OSEO innovation certification, enabling it to qualify for FCPIs (French mutual funds).

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