



## Press Release

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### **Michael Kneier joins high-power laser diode specialist *eagleyard Photonics* as Vice President of Sales and Marketing**

**Berlin, Germany; April 12, 2006: *eagleyard Photonics*, a fast growing company for high-power laser diodes, announced today that Michael Kneier has joined the management team as the new Vice President of Sales & Marketing.**

Mr. Michael Kneier brings in more than 16 years of experience in the Optoelectronics Industry, thereof ten years in the Sales & Marketing playground. Most recently Michael Kneier was in charge of u2t Photonics' sales and marketing. At the leading supplier of ultrafast photodiodes he accomplished tremendous sales growth since 2003. Prior to joining u2t Photonics, Mr. Kneier headed for three years the Strategic Marketing division of Infineon's Fiber Optics group as Director. Between 1990 and 2000 he held various positions within the optical communications business of Siemens and Infineon Technologies, mainly with global responsibility in such disciplines as development, sales and marketing.

He is co-owner of various photonic patents and holds a diploma in engineering/precision engineering from the Technical University Berlin.

"His excellent sales skills and market knowledge make him ideally suited to complement our team", said Joerg Muchametow, *eagleyard Photonics*' CEO and Founder. "Michael's sales experience and visionary business attitude will assist *eagleyard* to successfully achieve its challenging objectives in the attractive laser market segments."

In commenting his new appointment Michael Kneier said: "I see increasing demand for *eagleyard's* advanced products and I am looking forward to work together with this enthusiastic and successful team".

#### **About eagleyard:**

*eagleyard Photonics* headquartered in Berlin, Germany, has spun-off in 2002 from the Ferdinand-Braun-Institut, a world-renowned competence center for RF- and Laser-Technology. *eagleyard's* mission is to turn leading edge technology into competitive high-tech products. Its core competence is the development, production and sales of innovative high-power laser diodes based on GaAs (Gallium arsenide). The portfolio contains DFB-, DBR- as well as tapered-lasers. Those devices addressing a variety of applications such as display technology, medical instrumentation, test & measurement, material analysis and basic research. The strong demand for *eagleyard's* products has led to a sustained company growth since its foundation four years ago. *eagleyard* is present in all relevant markets, experiencing special traction in Europe, Japan and the USA. For more information, please visit the website at [www.eagleyard.com](http://www.eagleyard.com) .

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