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Former Burleigh Employees Start Bristol Instruments

The new company will develop and market advanced optically-based instruments for researchers in the photonics industry

VICTOR, NEW YORK January 14, 2005 – Three former employees of Burleigh Instruments, Inc. have formed Bristol Instruments, Inc., a new company located near Rochester, NY. Bristol Instruments will design, manufacture, and market precision scientific instruments used in basic and applied research, engineering, and production test applications. The new company will focus its early efforts on the photonics research market that consists of scientists and engineers at colleges, universities and government laboratories. These researchers are involved primarily in the fields of chemistry, biology, and physics.

The primary technology that will be utilized by Bristol Instruments is optical interferometry. Detailed analysis of interference phenomena, a consequence of the wave properties of light, can result in a variety of precise measurements. In particular, Michelson interferometer-based technology will be employed to develop instruments for accurate spectral characterization. Such analysis is important for applications such as high-resolution laser spectroscopy, photochemistry, and optical remote sensing. In the future, Bristol Instruments will expand its product offering to provide solutions in the biotechnology, pharmaceutical, and petroleum industries.

“My partners, Dr. Michael Houk and John Theodorsen, and I have over 35 years of combined experience in the use of optical interferometry for the purpose of making meaningful measurements,” said Dr. Brian Samoriski, President of Bristol Instruments. “Our goal is to use this expertise to develop high performance products that will benefit researchers who are helping to advance the world’s knowledge of basic science.”

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