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Leti Startup to Provide Improved Cancer Surgery

Fluoptics' Industry-First Optical Imaging System Enhances Detection and Helps Surgery

GRENOBLE, France — June 17, 2009 — Leti, a leading global research center committed to creating and commercializing innovation in micro- and nanotechnologies, announced today that it has launched a new company, Fluoptics, that will improve surgery of some types of cancers.

Combining technologies developed by Leti and Université Joseph Fourier in Grenoble, Fluoptics developed an innovative approach of fluorescence imaging for cancer targeting. This new real-time, imaging technique improves detection of tumors and helps surgeons to delineate it for exeres.

Fluoptics, the 30th startup launched by Leti, expects to commercialize its FluoBeam instrument in 2010 for pre-clinical research and begin regulatory the toxicity phases of its first fluorescent marker.

"Fluoptics not only exemplifies Leti's mission of creating innovation and transferring it to industry, but it also is our first startup in the growing field of bio-medicine," said Laurent Malier, CEO of Leti. "The company has great potential to improve the detection and treatment of cancer, and to have a real impact on the lives of cancer patients."

"It is very difficult to distinguish between cancerous and healthy tissue, and our technology is the only intra-operative technique available to help surgeons precisely locate and delineate tumors," said Odile Allard, CEO of Fluoptics. "Our incubation in Leti enabled the finalization of the laboratory prototype and its preclinical validation by surgeons specialized in cancer."

Fluoptics, one of the four startups launched by Leti in the past year, will be based in MINATEC, Europe's leading center of excellence in micro- and nanotechnologies.

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About Leti

CEA is a French public research and technology organisation, with activities in three main areas : Energy, Technologies for Information and Healthcare, and Defence and Security. Within CEA, the Laboratory for Electronics & Information Technology (LETI) works with companies in order to increase their competitiveness through technological innovation and transfers. LETI is focused on micro and nanotechnologies and their applications, from wireless devices and systems, to biology and healthcare or photonics. Nanoelectronics and Microsystems (MEMS) are at the core of its activities. As a major player in MINATEC excellence centre, LETI operates 8,000 m² state-of-the-art clean rooms, on 24/7 mode, on 200 mm and

300 mm wafer standards. Strong of 1,200 employees, LETI trains more than 150 PhD students and hosts 200 assignees from partner companies. Strongly committed to the creation of value for the industry, LETI puts a strong emphasis on Intellectual Property and owns more than 1,400 patent families. In 2008, contractual income covered more than 75% of its budget worth 210 M€. For more information, visit www.leti.fr

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